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WEATHER Warm and suriny Don't be beastly to the Germans

Imagine a nation which is seems to be both obviour peaceable, democratic and generous in its foreign aid and its treatment of refugees; a country in which very many people speak good English; which inests in Britain and matters to ur security; which has become

prosperous by investing in the workdoor which has been linked with Brucus, or good and ill, throughout its history, which is musical and cultured, been devolved, friendly and politically

Are we in favour of this country? Are we, in some sense. on its side? Well of course we are. In its modern, post-1945 incarnation and success, we helped make it.

Today we need its friendship and sometimes we need its belp. And if all this is true, and

harely-sayable. We ar and German.

Yet read much yesterday and the of the press Britain when you would think oathed the Germans. ball might have been the xcuse and the tone may have been intended as jocular, but

the effect was savagely hostile. The Daily Mirror parodied Neville Chamberlain's sombre announcement of the outhreak of the Second World War to declare "Football war on Germany"; the Daily Star declared: "Watch out Krauts. England are gonna bomh you to bits ..."; and the Sun suggested: "Lct's Blitz

It may be that this outbreak of tabloid anti-Germanism marks a turning point. By 5.15pm last night, the Press Complaints Commission had

received 67 complaints, the most since the Hillsborough stadium disaster in 1989, and the editor of the Mirror had apolo-

Journalistic plans to hire a Spitfire to drop leaflets on Berlin and to take n tank to the German emhassy were, it seemed, being hurriedly spiked. At Westminster, an Early Day Motion was tabled by

Labour and Conservative MPs

deploring "the frenzy of jingo-istic, notably anti-German, non-sense in the tabloid press ..." sense in the tabloid press Paddy Ashdown, the Liber-al Democrats' leader, described the newspaper attacks as dan-

gerous and hypocritical. He said: The very papers declaring war on the Germans would be the first to lay into fans as 'louts' and 'thugs' if they treated the game as a rerun of



World War Two and started attacking the German fans

"It is about time we grew up and loved our country for what it is, rather than harking back, in insecurity, to past glories." Meanwhile, Tony Blair, the Labour leader, referred to a recent speech in which he attacked the "envious hitterness"

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teeth, the debts we owe to the Germans age 12

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about Germany in the press. In Germany, the reaction to the press attacks was baffled and hurt. Yesterday's edition of Suddeutsche Zeitung, a serious broadsheet newspaper, provided a comprehensive account. It explained to its readers that the Sun was "read by people who don't give a toss about who

has hig tits". But anti-Germanism is more

than a passing joke. For the past few years, from the late Nieholas Ridley's notorious interview in the Spectator to recent effusions about the coming "Fourth Reich" the cam-paign against European integration has taken on a sharp and unmistakable anti-German

edge. As Mr Blair has said: "One of the worst aspects of Britain's current political debate is that it has become acceptable in Conservative circles to talk about Germany and the Germans in the same tone which English politicians reserved for the Jews 80 years ago and the Irish a century ago.

But though it may have been being cooked up on the right,

runs the country, as long as she anti-Germanism finds hungry customers throughout this

> Hostility to Germany is potent. We admire their technology and buy their goods. But the British still seem obsessed by Nazism and the war - more so than the occupied countries of Europe still are - and resentful . Is it nostalgia? Is it, as Mr

Ashdown suggests, insecurity? Whatever the cause, the results are embarrassing. German children are hullied in British schools, passing the virus down another generation. Many Germans who live here feel increasingly uncomfortable. Even liberals say things about the Germans that would he considered shockingly xenophobic if directed at any other people.

Mass tourism has made

Job bias against men More men than women ap-

Britain's unemployed would risk destitution to get them-

selves hack to work under a wide-ranging welfare-to-work package disclosed by the

Labour Party yesterday. The

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about as much of a military threat to the United Kingdom as Switzerland is, or Swaziland. This newspaper hopes England wins tomorrow's football game - though it is only a game.

France, Italy and Spain feel half

like home to many Britons. Yet

for us, Germany remains a land

apart, little visited and less

from lived experience to histo-

ry, this seems increasingly odd.

Modern Germany has been

one of democracy's great suc-cess stories. It is more like modern Britain than either

country is like its pre-war self.

It may be big and rich, but it is

As the last war slowly turns

We are properly, wholly, patri-otic about Britain. But it is time to blow a final whistle on juvenile xenophobia. It is time to say - we like the Germans.



NHS cut to the bone, say doctors

...but is that just another easy soundbite?

Health Editor

*72-year-old breast cancer ◆ Weight s_d 10-week wait for oman with kidney areatened with the st of a private opause she is too it six weeks for it pital: and the rel-43-year-old man o get him life-sayery because they before his turn ealth service. s claimed yes

neer cost in huof a National ice which has been V00 "re bone" by the Govit's drive for efficiency avings, now running at 3 per cent per annum from every

hospital and health authority. The examples were drawn from the experience of one GP, Dr Sam Everington from Tower Hamlets, London, but he is Cut unique. Dr Sandy Macara. Chairman of the British Medical Association council, said on the opening day of its annual meeting in Brighton: "Almost every GP could show you similar cases."

The language was strong and emotions were running high as

GPs sand hospital consultants beds. old of life in a health service Dr £6hn to meet current needs.

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

A tax-funded National Health

Service has many invaluable ad-

vantages. But as Enoch Powell.

Minister of Health 30 years ago.

shrewdly observed: "it endows

everyone providing as well as

using it with a vested interest

it again. In the Sixties they said

the NHS needed a few scores of

millions on a budget of £1bn

amid warnings that it was col-

Inpsing. In 1974 they de-manded a Royal Commission

and £500m on a £3bn budget as

lesterday, the doctors were at

Public Policy Editor

in denigrating it".

which they say needs at least James Johnson, chairman of the BMA consultants' committee, said patients were being prepared for surgery week after week, only to have it cancelled at the last minute because an emergency admission had taken the bed they needed,

Dr Everington, a member of the BMA council and an adviser to Labour's health team, said a 10-weck wait for hreast cancer surgery at the Royal London Hospital's Trust was more than three times that recommended in national guidelines.

"This is not just one example. The same thing happened last year. I had a list of 12 women "We can't go on treating peo-ple like this," he said. "We must have more intensive care who were waiting." It was only by "virtually begging" that he managed to get his 72-year-old

the then British Medical Asso-

ciatinn secretary warned "we

cannot go on like this". Yester-

day the call was for an extra

£6bn on £40bn, amid warnings

that the service was going down

The sum, proportionately, is

always broadly the same - the gap between Britain's spending

on health and that of the OECD

average. It reflects the efficien-

cy of the NHS, which makes it

a bargain buy internationally.

borror stories with a demand for

another £6bn, the doctors yes-

terday did neither themselves

nor their patients a service.

But by conflating a clutch of

like the Titanic.

patient seen at another hospital, he said. The current wait at the Royal London is now six to seven weeks.

Mr Johnson said the efficiency savings demanded by the Government over the past 12 years were a "con trick, a cynical political ruse to cut fund-... they are nothing to do with efficiency. The Secretary of State has got to end this 3 per cent cut

The BMA says that counting

This year is financially very

tight. After years of generous

settlements to get the NHS re-

forms in, a fierce squeeze is on.

Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary

of State for Health, may have

miscalculated. He may yet have

to go back to the Treasury for

more cash. But the realistic gap

this year is at most a few hon-

doctors risk destroying the very

thing they claim to be defending

- the public's faith in the NHS

and with that, the service itself.

Trouble Ahead? Health

Service. Second Section

Their patients deserve better.

By indulging in hyperbole, the

dred million, not £6bn.

means that nominal growth of 39 per cent in the decade to 1995/96 is reduced in reality to 15 per cent. On that basis, the

this year the association claims. Mr Johnson continued: "The need to ferry critically ill children around the country in an ambulance in search of an intensive care bed is a bizarre and cruel deception of the public, especially when it is excused under the guise of efficiency.

Doctors have a reputation for

there is a mood of desperation at the meeting of 550 repre-sentatives of the BMA's 110,000 service faces a 1.9 per cent cut, membership.
Stephen Dorrell. Secretary of

State for Health, conceded the NHS was under pressure, but insisted that funding had increased continuously since 1979, In 95-96, it would increase by £500m, he said. "There are difficult choices to be made always at the margins about how the service grows. It doesn't alter the fact the health service is treating more patients with a wider range of care this year than tast, and last year treated more than the year before." NHS managers condemned the BMA's demand for £6hn as "unrealistic". Karen Caines, director of the Institute of Health Services Management said: "An additional £6bn is the cost of the olice force of this country. Is Dr Macara suggesting we take the bobbies off the beat and give them a stethoscope?"

Marco Cereste, chairman of the NHS Trust Federation said the money would be "wonderful to have, but unrealistic." While the NHS was under severe financial pressure this year, claims that it was falling apart



Agassi: First round defeat

most radical idea is to introduce local discretion to spend money from income support and government training schemes in the way they best judge will help get the claimant back to work.

Agassi out

Andre Agassi, the 1992 champion and No 3 seed, was knocked out on the first day of Wimhledon by a fellow American, the unseeded Doug Flach. Wimbledon, pages 22 and 24



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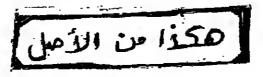
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SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

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Labour is set to send Britain's first Muslim MP to the Commons offer a decisive result in the re-run italiof to choose a fabrust-andidate for the safe sear of Glasgow Govar. Mohammod Sarvar bear the sating MP, Mike Warson, by LB votes to 197.

Mr. Sarwar a millionate businessman and Glasgow counciller, was defeated by Mr. Watson by just one vote last year, but Labour's National Executive ordered a re-run after claims of illegal voting. Mr. Sarvar said the selection process had help "stressful for all." He mided. "Lam proud to be the prospective Parliamentary candidate for Govan, which needs social and economic regeneration." Mr. Watson, MP for Grasgow Central, said he was disappointed with the result. The re-run went ahead this weekend only after Mr. Watson lost a bid in the Court of Sesson.

after Mr. Watson lost a bid in the Court of Session.

Edinburgh, to have the ballor stopped over the eligibility of 25 people to vote. John Rentoil

Shared by 60,000 part-time workers as the Employment Appeals Tribunal delivers a ruling today on the workers'

Appeals Tribunal delivers a ruling today on the workers claims for backdated rights to occupational pensions. The TUC, which co-ordinated the claims on behalf of health, bank and shop workers, has been pressing for the two-year in put on backdated compensation to be lifted and wants the case referred to the European Court of Justice. An appeal was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC following an industrial tribunal's was mounted by the TUC general set times claims for backdated the TUC general set times of discrimination against already been found guided to get away with compensation on the cheap. To



Lifebelt for Hogg in beef crisis

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

A lifebelt was thrown to the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, by the Liberal Democrats last night - ironically through a Commons motion censuring him for mishandling the BSE

The censure proposal, to be debated this afternoon, will force ministers and MPs to defend their beleaguered colleague. The House will consider a call for his salary to be slashed to £1,000, a parliamentary device for moving a personal motion of no confidence in an individual minister.

Roger Freeman, Chancel-lor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Cahinet Minister who has been put in charge of the Government's cattle cull, yesterday told the Commons that there was no question of Mr Hogg being replaced in a sum-mer reshuffle - the debilitating speculation that was rife in Westminster and Whitehall yes-

terday.
While it is always possible that Mr Hogg might decide to jump by resigning before he is pushed, there can he no guarantees that he will not be sacrificed by John Major at a time

of his own choosing. In a statement on the Florence summit that was given rare support by the Tory benches, the Prime Minister told the Commons vesterday that he expected the Government to have completed all the stages of the process under which the European beef export ban could be lifted by November.

"Securing agreement of these steps would restore the position on beef exports to what it was before 27 March," he said. "In other words, we would be in a position of being able to sell for export to the European Union young animals and all the beef which could by then be sold in the UK." Mr Major said that the targets were amhitious.

Tony Blair pounced on the inbuilt ambiguity of the statement, asking: "Is he now saying that the han will finally go in No- pensated."

vember. Is that actually what he

With Mr Major and Cabinet colleagues shaking their heads at that point, the Labour leader said that while the Government was obliged to take spec-ified action, the response of the European Commission was dis-

There were no guarantees in that process. Mr Blair suggested, because the same people who had been so stringent at an early stage of the crisis - the Commission's Standing Veterinary Committee - would have to recommend a lifting of the

Whatever figleaf he has today," Mr Blair said, "the damage will be there with this country for many years to

The Prime Minister turned that attack back against Mr Blair, saying that he evidently distrusted the word of Britain's European partners. He also accused the Labour leader of cowardice: Mr Blair had not had the guts to criticise the deal; nor had he had the guts to de-■ A Swiss expert in BSE has al-

leged that there must be more

cases of the disease in Continental countries, but that farmers are not reporting them because they would lose money by doing so, writes Charles Arthur. Professor Mark Vandervelde, of the Institute of Animal Neurology in Berne, Switzerland, said yesterday "Switzerland has had 220 cases of BSE since 1990, but it seems to stop at the border, But we imported it in cattle feed, most of which came from France and the Benelux countries, which had in turn bought it from Britain. So we have to ask ourselves why there isn't more BSE in those other countries." France has reported a handful of BSE cases, but Belgium and Luxembourg have never reported any. Professor Vandervelde said "To track BSE, you have to have a good surveillance system - and that



The taste of summer: Strawberries at 60p a punnet in Romford, Essex. A luxurious 18p each on the first day of Wimbledon Photographs: Brian Harris (above), David Sandison (below)



Wimbledon's game, set and strawberries

it to £450m. This went up still described the story of the library

woe, the Committee, chaired by an automated book-shelving

An English garden in London's you back a mere £1.80. A hit SW19 threw open its gates to the world yesterday to begin its annual summer party, writes James Cusick.

In these green and pleasant surroundings, warm beer and cricket is banished in favour of strawberries and cream and

Despite the famine of homegrown favourites, Wimbledon is still not only about tennis. At the River Restaurant in the Savoy Hotel yesterday, you could have spent £7.50 on a bowl of strawberries-and-cream as you looked over the sunlit

Thames. At the SW19 garden

further in November 1994, to

said Mr Phillips, it had gone up

library will not now be com-pletely open to the public until June 1999.

Robert Sheldon MP, did not

Now, even in the last month,

MPs were also told that the

Listening to this catalogue of

more than last year but when you fork out £47 on a bottle of

Bolinger, 18p a strawberry must he cheap, relatively. Ensuring all things change while all things appear to remain the same, is bard work for the organisers of SW19's annual nmer bash.

· In 1933 gemlemen playing on the summer party's Centre Court were allowed to wear shorts. In 1980 electronic service line monitors were introduced. Yesterday the net court judges, were yesterday made re-dundant by another electronic party, 10 strawberries would set England's own, was quiet.

as "a very sorry tale.":

Mr Phillips pointed out that in July 1994, ministers had con-

sidered scrapping the project

completely.
Mr Phillips and Dr Brian

Lang, the library's chief execu-

tive, attributed the spiralling

cost and delay to "two major

crises" that had hit the project:

system that did not work and

Crown officials who investigated Thomas Hamilton
Cam be called to the Dunblane inquiry to give limited
evidence, Scotland's most senior law officer said today. But
they cannot be questioned on the rightness or wrongness of their decisions not to prosecute him, the Lord Advocate, Lard Mackey of Drumadoon, told the inquiry. The Dumblane inquiry has already been told that Hamilton was: reported by police three times to different procurators

fiscal in Stirling and Dumbarton - but on each occasion there was no prosecution. In one case, the procurator fiscal also refused a police request for a search warrant for Hamilton's home, saying the police showed no evidence of behaviour that fell within the category of a crime. PA

> The £1.5bn sale of armed forces married quarters planned by Michael Portillo would be halted by Labour warned David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman last wanted David Clark; Labour's detence spokesman assemight. Mr Clark said last night: "It's a diabolical idea, it's
> against the wishes of the amed forces, it's against the longterm interests of the taxpayer, and it makes a nonscose of
> military plaining. We would stop it." The Government is
> keen to press ahead with the sale to gain receipts for tax
> cuts but the scheme has deeply upset members of the
> armed services and was severely attacked in the Lords by
> Lord Bramall, a former chief of defence staff. Calin Brown

Labour deputy leader John Prescott was in plaster Lioday after daininging a foot while dashing for a plane. He slipped in Strasbourg as he harried last Thursday to catch a flight to Florence, where heads of government and ministers were gathering for the EU summit which agreed the deal on British beef, said a spokesyoman for Mr Prescott A doctor in Florence thought he might have twisted an antice but advised him to get an X-ray, which we revealed a cracked bone, she said. John was in a lot of pain, but he's properly strapped up now." Mr Prescott is expected to return to Westminster later this week. "M

Advertisements run by a coach company are advising people not to travel by train. National Express, which controls the Midland Main Line and Gatwick Express rail services, has run in advertisement in the Big Issue telling people not to use the train or hitchhike to get to music iestivals. Glenda Jackson, Labour's transport campaign co-ordinator who was sent the advertisement by aconstituent said: "The Government claimed privatisation would lead to a railway renaissance, yet here is one of the first private rail companies actively encouraging passengers to travel by road and ignore rail." Christian Wolmar

Confusion retens over emergency contraception, according to a new survey, which reveals that less than a third of women know how to take full advantage of the service. While most are aware that help is available, many are unsure of the length of time emergency contraceptives are effective after unprotected sex. The Health Education
Authority study shows that despite extensive publicity
aimed at stopping the use of the term "morning after pill",
misconceptions remain. Only 31 per cent of women know. they have up to 72 hours after having unprotected sex to begin taking emergency contraception pills and up to five days to have an IUD fitted. Glenda Cooper

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Sorry, the angels are out today

Faulty cable delays library

Poor old Hillary Clinton. Not only is she been subjected to more intrusive examinations than go on in all the gynae wards in China, but now it has been revealed that she has been getting in touch with her "person-al archetype predecessors" (who in Hillary's case include Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt and - one suspects - a Sioux squaw called Wrongly Abused Woman, or something). The process is known as "docking

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Westminster Correspondent

Twenty miles of electric_ca-

bling in the new British Library

building at St Paneras in Lon-

don, could be defective, with the

copper wiring totally exposed,

embarrassing disclosures from

the Department of National

it was admitted yesterday. This was one of a series of

means farmers have to be com- Heritage as it gave evidence to

with one's angel", apparently. Only in America, I hear some readers cry complacently. Not at all. From where I was sitting high above the House of Commons yesterday. I could see plenty of MPs attempting to dock with their angels and try-ing to commune with their PAPs. All of them had, of course, chosen rather heroic and admirable angels. As a result some were having immense dif-ficulty – as Nasa Mission Control used to put it - with the docking procedure.

Take Roger Freeman, Hezza's deputy - the number two's number two. In his own mind



Committee about continuing

Since the National Audit Of-

fice, the public spending watch-

dog, produced a report on 15

May, admitted Hayden Phillips,

Permanent Secretary at the Department of National Her-

itage, the bill bad risen anoth-

set in 1988 of £383m. In July

This compared with a hudget

cost over-runs and delays to the

library project.

er £15m to £511m.

he walks with Wolsey and More, exercising considerable influence in the Counsels of State. Yesterday he stood, rattling his chain of office, to answer a written question from Tam Dalyell about parliamentary procedure. When he had finished his first go Tetchy Tam responded thus, "why has the deputy Prime he couldn't actually (when push came to shove) quite remember swering this question?" Cast out the actual score. from the glories of his mental Hampton Court, Freeman could only wail that he was the minister responsible, it was his job, he'd answered all the questions, spoken in the debates, he was sorry if the honourable gentleman wasn't satisfied ... Angel undocked.

personal archetype predecessor would turn out to be. Due to give a sceptical House his report on the triumphant conclusion of his Continental War would he choose Wellington, Drake, Henry V or Nelson?

Actually Mr Major's tone was considerably less martial and overweening than this. Yes, he had gone there to do a job; they II had It had been tough - always in with European opponents. Close contest, but he was proud of the boy. Clearly the angel that the Prime Minister had been trying to cock with was Terry Venables - th

Tony Blair sat opposite him with a look of growing contempt. His hair grew long and lank a wart appeared on his upper lip and Oliver Cromwell there described these contemptation. slumped there, contemplating with disgust the ungodly and incompetent, evincing an almost religious yearning to dismiss

The big question, however, what might, after 16 years, be was who the Prime Minister's called the Long Government. called the Long Government. Behind him the New Model Army - knowing what they fight for (well, sometimes) and loving what they know (er, mostly) merged with their ar-chetype predecessors as they strove to overturn the old, cor-

rupt order. Into the centre of his own Athenian Agora, strode Demosthenes - Paddy Ashdown - to dazzle the polis with his attack on the government's "puerile policy of posturing". This magnificent alliteration fell a bit flat: it probably sounds better in ancient Greek.

The last word went to a Trosubstantial problem being that ".jan. Cassandra Cash had cried wor woe and thrice woe on the head of the House of Tory, should he not shun Europa. At last the Prime Minister had realised the truth of this prophecy and the curse was officially transferred to the doomed Mr Blair, whose "opinion polls have dropped by nearly 10 per cent". Mr Cash sat down, robes rent and hair torn, another suc-

cessful docking completed.

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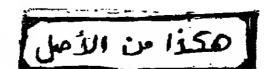
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MIFICANT SHORTS

The new man arriving late at the office is about to be overtaken by a non-confrontational, helpful woman

Men are having a tougher time in the workplace, reports Barrie Clement (right), Christian Wolmar (below) explains why

Rex Harrison's song in My Fair that there is a "cluster of skills and medicine, they tend to get Lady - Why can't a woman be which are predominantly femore like a man? - might be turned round to ask "why can't men be more like women?" Employers are increasingly turning to women to fill vacancies with the result that 48 per cent of the workforce is female and women may soon make up the majority of workers.

The traditional virtoes of women, such as the ability to cooperate and work m a non-confrontational way, have been suggested as the reasons why women appear to be becoming more employable than men. A recent equal opportunities re-port revealed that more men than women are complaining about bias in job ap-

plications. Certainly, women's traditional ways of working appear to be particularly valuable in today's largest companies whose interests globe and which are dependent on the widespread use of informatioo technology for their success. Liz Bargh, the director of Opportunity 2000, says that women are presenting themselves to employers with the kind of attributes which employers are seeking: "Women have traditionally been more co-operative, while men have been seen as more aggres-In the large global

creasingly dominating the economies of the developed countries, Ms Bargh argues that the old hierarchical structures are no longer as useful because information flows so quickly that it is impossible for any one persoo to keep up to date with all aspects of a company's work. Therefore, decision-making has to devolve downwards to a wider group of managers who are all equal in the company hierarchy, a role women may find easier to take

which are predominantly fe-male, and a cluster which are male". She feels that most of the virtues seen as feminine are learnt, from the cradle to uni-

versity and beyond, rather than inherited at birth. However, before meo charge off to training courses on bow to become more sharing and caring, they should ponder the fact that the hierarchies of most organisations are still dominated by men who have got there by using their traditional strongpoints of being compettive and aggressive. See Led-with, joint editor of Women in Organisations — Challenging Gender Politics, says that while and take twice as long as men to get promoted into manage-ment positions. Moreover, while traditional

women's skills may be ensuring women at least get a job, the old male skills of aggression are may be good at getting them into middle management but to reach the top they may have to change into an aggressive style, and they may feel it is not worth doing so," Ms Ledwith

There is, too, a contradiction across the geocrations. While employers may look to young same skills as their mothers, they may oot do so. Older became womeo and bome out of necessity. Now, with more emphasis on men sharing housework and childcare, and with better provisioo of nursery

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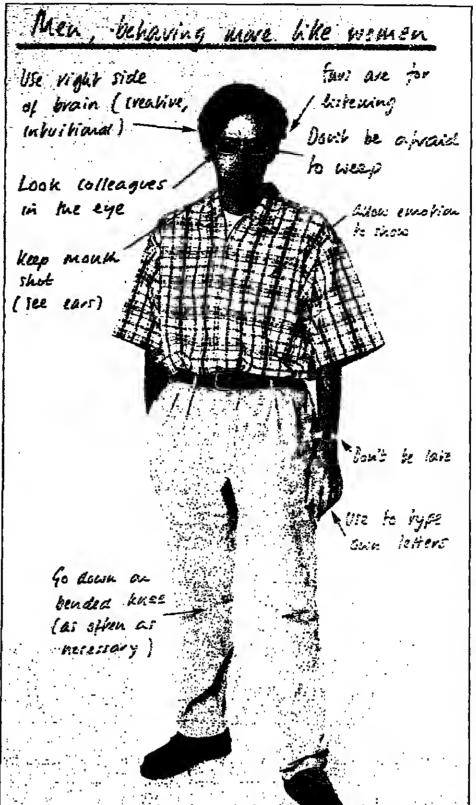
theless, some scope for men to become more like women. bour: A magazine image of working "Men have to adapt men in the Forties Photograph: Advertising Archive to less traditional ment. It may be easier for

younger men to do so," Ms Ledwith says. They should oo longer expect permaneot, fulltime jobs. They have to be prepared to accept contract work and possibly part time posts.

But here again, says Sue Newell, a business lecturer at Warwick University, the gender gap favours of men: "While women get contract jobs at the bottom of the scale, with poorer status with low levels of ly paid short term jobs contracts obtained by men tend to be for than men.

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Ms Bargh does not believe creasingly entering, such as law length."



More assertive males complain of jobs bias

The Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday celebrated 20 years of sex discrimination legislation by confirming that more men than women seem to be complaining about bias in job applications.

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Commission officials however were at pains to point out that most of the 47,860 cases processed in 1995 - up 11 per cent on the previous year - still involved women. Yet the figures that dominated the publication of the commission's annual report yesterday were those referring to complaints from meo over growing bias by em-ployers and of overtly discrim-inatory job advertisemeots.

While some sources within the commission believe the raw data does not eotirely support the contention, official EOC figures showed that there were 820 complaints about job recruitment from men in 1995, compared with 805 from

The commission believes the decline of male-dominated heavy industry has forced meo to look for "women's work", a trend which bas accelerated over the last two years. Many complainants are in their fifties and have been recently made redundant.

Officials believe the difficulties faced by men could increase m future because of the underachievement of boys at school and while men are increasingly the victims of discrimination, the figures may also be the result of male assertiveness and their readiness to seek redress.

The report also reveals that more than ooe in ten inquiries about equal pay and three in ten concerning employment issues come from men. The latter involve promotion, dismissal, conditions of work and a small oumber of sexual harassmeot cases. Some 43 per cent of in-quiries concerning "consumer

affairs" also come from male applicants. These complaints involve women-only clubs and training courses. A number concerned the growing practice of clubs offering free drinks to women. However, the bread and butter issues still involve women who "faced considerable discrimination at work", the

report points out. Patrick Butler, 50, has become one of the new male victims of sexual discrimination. Last year the recession put paid to his painting and decorating business and he began to look for work. He applied for a job as resident manager at an

old people's home. The first and secood interviews went well and the area manager of Goldsborough Retirement Property Services said the job was as good as his. There was the formality of a chat with the residential committee at the home concerned. A week later be received a call from the manager saying the committee wanted a woman to replace the incumbent, also a woman.

There was no doubt about it. I was the victim of sexual discrimination," said Mr Butler. His wife attended the final ioterview because the job involved accommodation for both of them. The committee asked ber if she wanted the job instead. Acas, the coociliatioo service, got involved in the case and Mr Butler was awarded £8,000 in an out-of-court settlement. The company has since been helped by the EOC to train recruitment staff to avoid bias in future.

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Kamlesh Bahl, the EOC's chairwoman, said much progress bad been made towards equality between the sexes.

"The key message from our 20 years of experience is that it is only by building equality into everyday life that the progress made so far will continue into the

...but actresses still earn 15% less than male stars

MARIANNE MACDONALD

Female performers rarely realise that they are being paid less than their male counterparts, it was claimed yesterday, because actors and, particularly, their agents are reluctant to reveal their earnings.

Charlotte Cornwell, wbo starred in Dressing For Breakfast and Rock Follies; said: "Actors have been far too shy about talking about what they earn. Men in particular should come clean."

She was speaking at the aunch of a survey which has ound that female actors were till paid an average 15 per cent as than their male counterarts a year, despite working 20 er cent more days.

Women earn an average dai-fee of £352 in films, £15 less am men; £302 in television, £30 . ess than men; and £122 in ra-

in the past decade the propor-

tioo of women in the workforce

has risen by 4 per cent to 48 per

cent, womeo still make up only

7 per cent of top managers, "and

even that's an optimistic esti-

Ms Ledwith reckons that

employers are taking on women

in greater numbers for the tra-

ditional reasons that they are

cheaper and more flexible:

"Jobs that go to women are low-

unionisation." Even in the pro-

same, were in theatre and advertising. Women and men both earned £82 a day in the West End of London, while at £48 a day women earned only £4 less than men in repertory. In fringe theatre women earned £42 a day, £9 more than men, while in commercials they earned £1,089 a day oo average, £145 more than their male counterparts. Ms Cornwell, 46, said one

way to right the imbalance was for actors to tell each other what they were earning. But when she revealed details of ber pay in various productions in the Independent last March, she had had angry calls from ageots. "Agents will never talk about

it, but male actors in particular have a duty to talk about what

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dio, £22 less than men, according to the survey of 373 "mid-die-range" performers.

The only areas where women they are being paid — although they are criminally sty about doing so," she said.

The Equity-supported report

were paid more, or about the by Dr Helen Thomas, a senior sociology lecturer at Gold-smiths University, also revealed that women were paid less than men for equivalent parts in all performing media. For a lead role women earned an average £166 a day, £84 less than men. For a "large" support role they earned £178 a day, £37 less than men. But in small support roles they earned £352 a day, £16 more than men.

Part of the reason why the women earn less is that there are fewer lead roles for them and they have to compete with a pool of taleot at least as large as the male one. Ms Cornwell said that it was not enough for employers to point to the women's lead parts which had emerged in recent years - such as female

prisoo governors, psychopaths and football managers.

We want to start encouraging employers to promote work which sees the world through women's eyes. It's a very dif-ferent point of view and equal-ly valid," she said. Eveo Hollywood stars such as Susan Sarandon and Jodie Foster suffered from ingrained sexism when it came to pay, she added.

"If you look at leading actresses in Hollywood they have all been paid less ad infinitum than their male counterparts and they've also complained about

the roles they've been given."
The Men Behaving Badly actors Caroline Quentin and Lesley Ash receotly gained equal pay to the male stars Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey by threatening to walk out on the successful television series. ☐ Unequal Pay For Equal Parts: Goldsmiths University, £7.50.



Drink decoys trap Sainsbury's

Leed roles Support (large) Support (small)

AVERAGE FEE FOR ACTORS

Supermarket giant Sainsbury lost its liceoce to sell alcoholic drinks at one of its stores after police used youngsters to buy drinks there.

Caroline Quentin: pay rise

Sainsbury's supermarket at Monks Cross, York, was targeted by police who used 14 and 15-year-olds with the consent of their parents.

North Yorks, the police successfully applied to revoke the store's drinks licences, held by bought illegally.

manager Michael Hogsden and deputy Robert Brookes. The police said girls and boys bought drink, including al-

coholic lemocade and rose wine, from the store on three had the approval of licensing justices for the operation.

A video extract of the un-At a special licensing meet-ing at Easingwold Magistrates, girls, aged 14 and 15, dressed cadercover operation showed two sually with no make up and clutching the wine they had just

Richard Green, for the po- ager's responsibility for the ship lice, said in no way could the police's methods be condemned because they acted in the poblic interest.

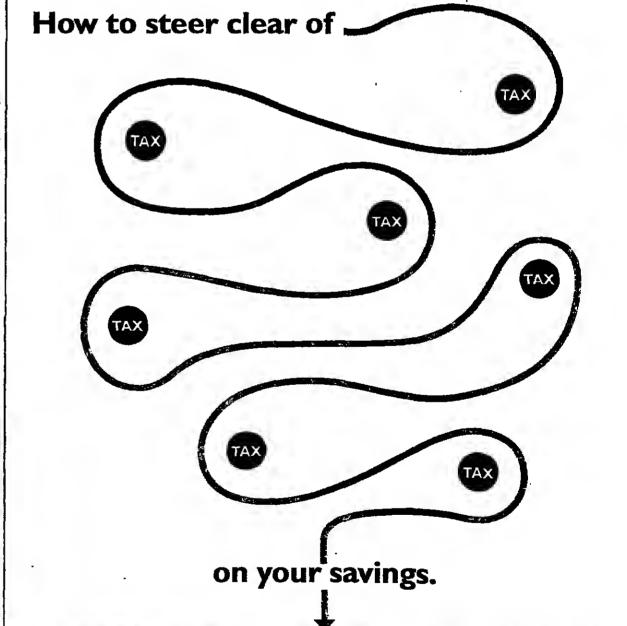
They investigated Sainsbury separate occasions. Officers after intoxicated teenagers turned up at a nearby disco and annoyed residents. They also received complaints from par-

> He said: "The manager was like the captain of the Titanic and chose to shoot officers and seamen wheo it was the man- gence on these occasions."

Mr Hogsden, who has been with Sainsburys for 32 years, admitted the manager must accept

responsibility but he could not control how fully trained staff acted all the time. Two cashiers, one of whom was under 18, were sacked. In

granting the police application. licensing beuch chairman Bob Eccles said: "We are not satisfied the store exercised due dili-



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Jobless risk destitution getting back to work

unemployed to risk destitution to get themselves back to work under a wide-ranging welfare-to-work package which the partv disclosed yesterday.

politics

The proposals - the first out-come of Labour "thinking the unthinkahle" over welfare include creating a "One-Stop Shop" hringing together the benefit, employment and careers services into one place. creating individual career plans for job seekers, relaxing, on a

Nicholas Timmins studies the radical welfare package unveiled by Labour

sis, rules which stop the unemployed volunteering or taking part-time courses for more than 16 hours a week, and launching pilot schemes aimed at making

it easier to get hack into work. The most radical idea, however, is to introduce local discretion which would allow claimants and case managers to take all the money available for

and government training schemes and spend it in the way they best judge will help get the claimant back to work.

In return for less income, claimants could spend more on education and training, or job search. They could pay the money over to an employer in return for a joh, or even set np a small business. If the husiness

Australia success story that caught Blair's eye

ROBERT MILLIKEN

Rupert Murdoch seems to have been the unwitting channel for some of new Labour's social policy ideas - including its adoption yesterday of the principles behind Jet. Australia's jobs, education and training programme for lone parents. It was during last year's News

Corporation conference at the Pacific resort of Hayman Island, that Tony Blair, a keynote speaker, discussed new directions in work programmes and pension policy with Paul Keat-ing, the then Labor Party prime minister of Australia. The two spoke the same lan-

guage. One Nation was a slogan

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was a shared watch-word in how their parties should evolve their approach to welfare towards one of weaning people away from dependency on the state. Jet caught Mr Blair's eye. Its aim is to encourage single parents who have relied on welfare to enter the workforce.

Nine years ago, a review of welfare policy identified a growing pool of single parents, preone of Australia's higgest underprivileged groups.
Introduced in 1989, Jet pro-

vides individual advisers to help sole parents find training courses. The scheme claims a high success rate. More than 53,000 Jet participants have under-

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more than 63,000 have found

jobs in areas such as computing,

hospitality, office and shop

work. Around 60 per cent of

Australia's 275,000 ione parents

have joined the scheme. Critics have questioned its cost and the fact it favours single parents. Some say it does little more than push women into low-paid jobs. But its intensive. personalised help has worked to the point where the Australian Department of Social Security calculated that savings exceeded the scheme's costs.

A study traced 200 women who had been through the scheme and concluded that its use of welfare for "active" ends

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Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, said such arrangements would be voluntary and might most widely be used to subsidise jobs, rather than risk self-employment. But if they want that opportunity, they have to take the risk."

The marked shift to local discretion mirrors ideas the Conservatives are exploring, But it led to criticism from Labour's left and benefit groups such as the Child Poverty Action Group that officials would be given more power over claimants in a less rights-based system.

Labour's package includes allowing individuals to borrow, interest free against future earnings to buy clothes or tools to help them find work: rolling up the £5 a week claimants can earn hefore benefit is cut to allow occasional single jobs worth £30 or £40 every six or eight weeks; letting those who take temporary or risky jobs go back fit if the joh fails within six months, advising spouses on job search and providing them with their own £1,000 "back-towork" bonus from earnings while unemployed.

The personalised, active service - modelled on Australia's Jet scheme and a Californian ini tiative called Gain - involved "a completely new relationship" between claimants and the system Mr Smith said. It aimed to help people off benefit rather than treating them as "passive re-cipients of Giros". Within three years the changes would produce "substantial savings" for the taxpayer and that "we will have failed as a government" if Labour's actions did not lead to fewer people on benefit.

Labour's fiscal caution i such, however, that the £200m the personalised service and its extra staff will cost, together with the pilots, is dependent on ings from the Elbn it reckons can be taken out of benefit fraud.

In addition, it is promising only to "review", not abolish, the controversial Jobseeker's Allowance which halves entitlement to non-means tested unemployment benefit from 12 months to six. Ruth Lister, Professor of Social Policy at Loughborough and a member of Labour's Social Justice Commission which recommended re-building insurance-based benefits, said that was "even worse than feared".

While Labour's document ing, she said, "it does nothing to match that rhetoric with a restoration of the insurance benefits which actually reduce means-testing". Suggestions that some of a spouse's income from part-time work disregarded so that they are not forced to stop work when a partner hecomes unemployed would further extend meanstesting, not reduce it, she said. But even this huge distance is dwarfed

world record for travelling the furthest on

ry Park in Leicester, has attracted entrants

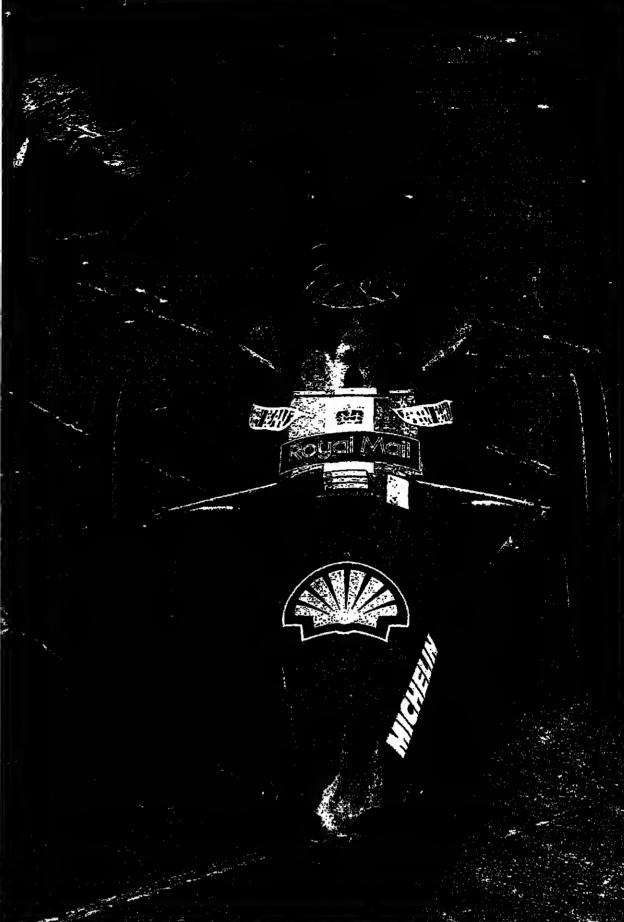
by the current world record sent by a French team four years ago: 7,591 miles or the equivalent of driving across the of petrol. Britain's best hope at the Shell Helix Mileage Marathon will be Brian Toft, from Chester, who in the spirit of British sportign successes this summer believes he and his colleagues can go one better than

the French. "We are just over 1,000 mpg behind, but we can make this up," said Mr Toft, whose team uses diesel to propel their vehicle.

However at the moment his challenge suffers from one small drawback. "We are

weighing around seven stone who has the appearance of a jockey. They don't need a current driving licence but should be able

schools and colleges, use low weight ma-terials to minimise fuel consumption combined with a specially-designed four-stroke engine. A driving technique known as "coast and hurn" also helps the vehicles travel so far so efficiently. However, the contestants have to complete the 10-mile course at an average speed of 15 mph or more. Organisers Shell believe that one day soon a vehicle will be able to achieve the Holy Grail of fuel efficiency - 10,000 miles



Size isn't everything, and nor is speed; for some motor enthusiasts it is the distance

This tiny green three-wheeler car is one of a hundred vehicles aiming to break the a gallon of fuel. The competition, on July 19 at Mallo-

from all over the world, including a team from Japan which won the event last year. The car, produced by pupils at the Belfairs Community College, Leigh-on-Sea, Eseer, manages a creditable 2,106 miles per

currently driverless - we need someone Lilley attempts to reverse asylum ruling

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Government will be forced to mount an operation to mohilise hereditary peers in the House of Lords next week to reverse the Court of Appeal ruling that the withdrawal of ben-efits from asylum seekers was

Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, announced yesterday that he would hring in last-minute

amendments to the Asylum against refusal of asylum, and and Immigration Bill, just completing its final stages in the Lords. He said if last Friday's ruling were allowed to stand it would cost the taxpayer £300m a year. Lord Justice Simon Brown struck down regulations brought in in February to deny state benefits to people waiting to hear the outcome of appeals

against being granted asylum. Mr Lilley told the Commons that paying benefits was an incentive for people to appeal

that 97 per cent of appeals were rejected. The Governlocal authorities, especially where children are involved". ment would table amendments to restore the effect of the reg-The Government faces a ulations, which were approved

soft touch". But Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, attacked the "inhumanity and mjustice" of the proposals. He contested Mr Lilley's claim for

by both Houses of Parliament,

remains a safe haven and not a

savings, saying there would be "extra costs to be incurred by efits could cause "destitution"

tough hattle to get the amendments through the Lords on "to ensure that this country Monday. The issue unites two of the more potent ingredients of Lords rebellions: the prerogatives of judges and an issue of social compassion.

Lord Justice Simon Brown

threw down an explicit challenge to Parliament in his judgment.

among asylum applicants which no civilised state could tolerate. and that if the Government wanted to achieve "that sorry state of affairs" it would have to bring in primary legislation. rather than rely on regulations.

As a sweetener, Mr Lilley said that asylum seekers who claims were approved on appear would have their benefits bear dated to the date of their application.

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Hunting row: International scientists' acceptance of estimate of minkes that supply Norway's catch angers environmentalists

Whale surplus figures anger campaigners

Environment Correspondent

International Whaling Comsion scientists have accepted that the number of minke whales in the north-east Atlantic is far

higher than previously thought. Norway, which faces international opprobrium for hunting the whales, is highly satisfied with the new estimate, formally unveiled yesterday as the commission began its week-long annual meeting in Aberdeen.

"We're extremely happy with what the 1WC's scientific committee have decided," Norvay's commissioner, Kare Bryn, said. "The stock is large and

But the many environmental and animal rights organisations gathered in Aberdeen to lobby IWC delegates are doing their best to cast doubt on the estimate. Greenpeace and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) both pointed out that the majority of whale spotters on the boats carrying out the survey were in fact Norwegian

Greenpeace campaigner Jerry Leape said: "They have an incentive to inflate the numbers and distort the data."

Following a survey using boats at sea last year, the committee last week agreed that an estimate of 118,000 minkes in the north-east Atlantic could be justified, with upper and lower limits of 90,000 and 135,000. The fish- and plankton-eating minke, smallest of the great whales, was the last to be exploited by the oow vanished deep-sea whaling fleets.

The previous population es-

majority of the work in prepar-ing the new estimate, including funding the survey and the extensive computer programming of the data afterwards, but it can now claim that the international community accepts the number as scientists from sev-

wegian government scientist

caught. It was the highest since Norway resumed whaling but nowhere oear the 1,800 a year

These days Norway sets is quotas according to a procedure drawn up by the IWC which never be any threat of serious populatioo decline. But even with this procedure, Norwegian scientists believe higher quotas than 425 can be set.

still whaling on a large scale, is timate, based oo surveys in the also taking an increasing numlate Eightics, was for a population of 70,000. Norway did the harpoons minke whales from



of the puzzle in place," said Marcy Parker, a leader of the Makah Indian tribe in Washington Sta writes Nicholas Schoon. That piece is the huoting of

five grey whales a year, resuming a whaling tradition in the tribe that goes back 1,500 years but which died in the Twentics.

She and six other Makah from the furthest north-western corner of the United States have joined their country's government delegation to the whaling commission meetiog io

Aberdeen to press for a quota. But two other members of the 1,600-strong tribe have also flown to Aberdeen to lobby against the proposed hunt, their tickets paid for by US animal welfare organisations. They say they cannot see the point of resuming whaling, and claim the support of seven tribal elders

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with an average age of 86. The Makah used to hunt the

beasts in the water. The pursuit and the distribution of the meat and blubber were surrounded b elaborate ceremooies, oow largely forgotten.
The hunt died out partly be-

cause industrial whaling made the greys almost vanish. The tribe also suffered a drastie population loss from Westernintroduced epidemics, and was encouraged by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take up farming.

Two events have made the tribal council press for a resumption. The US government took the grey whale off its codangered species list in 1994 because its numbers had recovered. And in the Seventies a Makah village destroyed by a mudslide 400 years ago was excavated and numerous strucfrom whalebone showed the tribe just how important hunting was to their ancestors.

giobal environmental moveeral other countries, including ment's greatest ever victories. Britain, were involved in check-Japan's way of getting around the ing and approving procedure. Lars Walloe, a senior Norban is to arrange its catch as a programme of scientific research. programme of scientific research.

The situation is dismaying environmentalists, who see whal-

ing some 400 a year.

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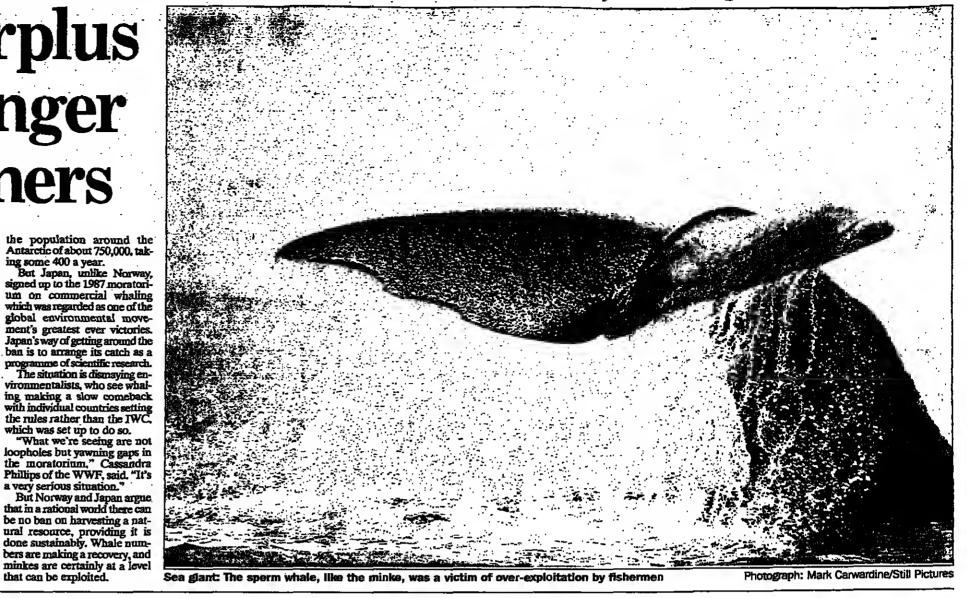
that can be exploited.

on his country's delegation, said: "I guess this is the best calculation ever of whale numbers anywhere. We know more about this population of minkes than about any whale."

Norway's objection to the IWC's 1987 moratorium on all commercial whaling gave it a le-gal right to continue the practice of catching its local whales using coastal fishing boats armed with harpoons. The government stopped this for a few years at the end of the Eighties because of international condemnation, but allowed the annual whaling to resume in 1993, allocating tightly controlled quo-

This year's total is quoted at 425 minkes, which has just been it was taking two decades ago.

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On line, the first wide-screen magazine

CHARLES ARTHUR Scienca Correspondent

The first issue of a new magazine dedicated to in-depth analysis of cultural and political issues was published vesterday all over the world -

without being printed.

Slate, funded by (but independent of) the United States software giant Microsoft, is the latest of hundreds of free "webzines" - magazines that exist only on the World Wide Web on

But if other webzines are anything to go by, it will attract a rush of readers in its initial stages, but lose money all its life. Jim Albrecht, deputy editor of an entertainment magazine on the Internet called Mr Showbiz recently said "I've never heard of a [Webzine] site that makes money." And how long Slate will survive if it cannot make a profit is open to question. The new magazine can be

can carry text, graphics, sound and video. Its editor Michael Kinsley, former editor of New before Slate's launch that it would contain high-calibre journalism for "politically and culturally engaged people". It would bave articles longer than 700 words - usually reckoned to

be the maximum attention span

for the Web's gadfly consumers.

Webzines have proliferated

the Internet, the global network of computers.

read only by accessing its site at over the past two years because an address on the Web, which they are enormously cheap to they are enormously cheap to start. Anybody with a computer connected to the Internet can launch one.

But experience has shown that the people who browse the Web - about 20 million worldwide by conservative estimates - are both impatient and unwilling to pay for anything partly because no widespread system has been developed for people to pay for low-cost items directly over the Internet. Thus

charge for Slate from November.

Webzines thus have to pay their costs - principally salaries - by persuading advertisers to buy space on the magazine's "pages". They can justify the cost based on readership because whenever someone accesses a particular page, their name is picked up by the webzine's computer.

Dan Conaghan, editor of Condé Nast Online, which of-

and COLIN BROWN

A series of massive new defence equipment orders are expected

to be announced by the Govermment at the beginning of July, two weeks earlier than planned. Ministers will be able to ex-

tract political capital from announcing the orders, which

affect tens of thousands of jobs,

separately. They include a £4ba

order for two new types of mis-sile for the Royal Air Force, two

new amphibious ships and a re-

placement for the ageing Nim-

rod maritime reconnaissance

the British-built component of

said they expected the first an-

nouncement as early as 4 July.

British, European and Unit-

Parents asked to

pay £600 to school

the new Eurofighter.

FRAN ABRAMS

Education Correspondent

Parents at a Catholic school in Manchester have been asked to

pay a top-up fee of £600 per year for their children. Gillian

Sbepbard, the Secretary of

State for Education, has been asked to intervene in the case

The move follows a long dis-

oute between Trafford Bor-

ough Council and St Bede's College. The school is fee-pay-ing but Trafford pays for 450 children to receive their state education there because, al-

though it still has the 11-plus, it does not bave a Catholic

Under the 1944 Education

Act, state schooling must be free, but the legal position in this case

grammar school.

but has refused to do so.

almost every webzine is free. Mr fers electronic versions of any topic wherever it is on the Kinsley has said that be may Vogue, GQ, Tatler and World of Web. Webzines tend to attract them are making money but Interiors and is viewed by about 2,000 people a day, said yesterday: "It affords much greater data that can be returned to the that people have lost interest. As a result, some webzines advertiser. You can tell precisely bow many people have looked

> But so far, most advertisers have preferred to take space on the pages of Web sites that are known to have high traffic - especially the "search engines", which can locate information on

high traffic when they start, but Nor are webzines expected to standards has frequently meant

have ceased publication. "I think that at this point all webzines have to be viewed as partly experimental," Oliver Morton, editor of the United Kingdom edition of Wired magazine, said yesterday. "When or if they will become lucrative re-

they're spending it too.

take over from printed newspapers and magazines now, or in foreseeable future. "Printed around. A laptop isn't that robust," Mr Conaghan said. "And printed magazines bave a different feel. A Web site is more of a televisual experience.

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is unclear. Catholic children who pass the exam in Trafford attend any one of three independent schools, all outside the borough. But St Bede's has rebelled because it says the rebelled because it says the would not wish to speculate on borough is not paying enough to the legality of it." There's a great

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by new military spending

rod, built by British Aerospace and Boeing, and an improved version of the P3 Orion, built by aircraft and the £9bn order for Lockheed and the British GEC.

The most revolutionary new order is the £650m for 700-1,000 new Conventionally Armed Stand-Off Missiles (CASOMs) for the RAF. The fast, airlaunched cruise missile will ed States contractors are teamed in various combinations to build the missiles. The contest for the Nimrod replacement is between Gulf war, but will engage from

cover the cost of the education.

Half the school's 900 pupils

come from Trafford, which pays

£2,578 per pupil a year. The rest pay fees of £3,990.

John Byrne, the school's beadmaster, has written to all

the Trafford parents telling them that if the borough can-

not find extra money they must

pay £200 per term for their chil-

dren from next January. He said

that without extra funds the school's finances were becom-

ing increasingly precarious. The school had consulted its lawyers

economic fee and Trafford re-

fuses payment of that economic fee then the college can and

must seek extra payment from

Trafford parents."
Yesterday no one at the school was available to com-

ment but a spokesman for Traf-ford said: "Clearly the matter

will have to be resolved. It can-

not be allowed to go on but I

"If St Bede's College sets an

about the move, be said.

The Storm Shadow missile, built by British Aerospace and the French missile manufacturer Matra, has been the most like-

an improved version of the Nim- a safe distance.

ly candidate for CASOM. But yesterday McDonnell Douglas, the US aerospace giant, wrote to the MoD confirming a price reduction on its tender, following the US decision last

week to select McDonnell Douglas to develop a similar missile for the US Air Force and Navy.

craft and seek out enemy tanks, at a cost of about £700m. The contest is between Swarm, which involves 50 UK companies including Hunting engi-neering and the US firm Boeing and Brimstone, built by GEC and Rockwell,

The order for up to 27 maritime patrol aircraft to replace the Nimrods is, at £2bn, the most valuable. Both options offer plenty of work in the UK. British Aerospace and Rolls Royce have committed themselves to upgrading the Nimrod airframe, which is based on

The Navy is optimistic it will finally get its two new amphibious assault ships, to be built by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering at Barrow in Furness, for about £600m, and that the order will be confirmed before the recess. The Navy is also to get two roll-on, roll-off ferries for The RAF is also to get up to 2,000 "smart" anti-tank missiles, world at sbort notice. landing troops anywhere in the

DAILY POEM

The Fly

By William Blake (set to music by Benjamin Britten)

Little Fly, Thy summer's play My thoughtless hand Has brush'd away.

Am not I A fly like thee? A man like me?

For I dance. And drink & sing Till some blind hand

Shall brush my wing If thought is life And strength & breath And the want

Of thought is death.

A happy fly, If I live,

Benjamin Britten was a great reader of poetry and no other composer, not even Schubert or Schumann, set poems of such range and quality. Nearly 400 fragments, sonnets, songs and odes have been gathered together by Boris Ford for Benjamin Britten's Poets: An anthology of the poems he set to music, published by Carcanet (£12.95). The Songs and Proverbs of William Blake, selected by Peter Pears and set by Britten for baritone and piano, were first performed in June 1965 at the Aldeburgh Festival by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Britten. Britten wrote: "When I think of the wonderful words I feel rather inadequate."

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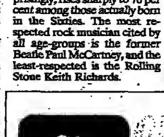
perstar bill is something a gam-ble by trust officials, who are

youngsters three premium slots. day. They showed that almost Arwyn Thomas, director of the Prince's Trust-Action, said: The trust's training initiatives are all geared to helping young British music was recorded before they were born; and more than 90 per cent think that today's pop stars should behave more responsibly. people reach their full potential. This is achieved by helping participants to develop some of the skills they need and, more importantly, the self-belief duced the best British music, 45 per cent said it was the era of The Beatles and the Rolling

as the talent to carry it off, is testament to the value of these training courses. Steve Balsamo, lead singer of the Prince's Trust band, said: We all attended rock school courses because we wanted to learn more about music. The totors were great and they gave us our musical skills, but also the

front of 150,000 people, as well

The results of a Gallup poll



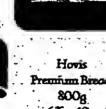
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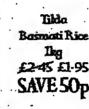
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who have been on a rock music course for one week, will play on the same bill as The Who, Eric Clapton and Bob Dylan before 150,000 people in Hyde Park, London, this weekend.

on the show, the climax of the National Music Festival, by the Prince's Trust, which is closely involved in organising the con-cert. Yet they have never played

their rock school for the unemployed, and may test the pa-The trust runs week-long rock music courses for long-term unemployed young people. Even during that short period, the courses are as much concerned with increasing confidence, self-esteem and teambuilding skills as with musical ability. The Prince's Trust, which is one of the charities to benefit financially from the Hyde Park concert, is unabashed

required to succeed. The fact that these young people have the confidence to perform in

confidence in ourselves to get out there and perform. Having the opportunity to perform on the same stage as Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey and Bob

of 1,377 adults, commis by the concert's sponsors, Mas-



Too young to die. Too old to rock 'n' roll?

Keith Richards once remarked that falling down gets you accepted. In the Seventies that might have been true. We expected our rock stars to sport wobbly pins as a hedonistic badge of honour.

croaching old age. The climax of the National Music Festival this weekend features three acts who were all in the charts more than 30 years ago - Bob Dylan, The Who and Eric Clap-

One comfort for the per-formers is that their audience grows old with them. This weekend's extravaganza will see the largest number of corporate hospitality packages ever at a British rock concert. For £200 upwards, concert-goers can be guaranteed a nearby luxury hotel room after the gig, so that they can have a lie down after the afternoon's exertions.

The performers are likely to resort to less blatant tricks. Renewed demand for those too young to die and too old to rock'n'roll without an intermission means that rock concerts today are increasingly resorting to secret formulae to disguise the over-50s' lack of sta-

The Unplugged phenomenon has, of course, been a god-send. Astate publicity claiming that acoustic based sets provide intimacy and reveal hidden charms of the music do not mention that they also provide

a stool for the performer.

Another trick is a solo spot for a non-singing member of the band. Mick Jagger left the stage midway through The Rolling

rockers manage to keep on rolling

Now, if they are unsteady on Stones' shows in the recent their feet, it is because of en-world tour to allow Keith world tour to allow Keith Richards to sing almost his entire repertoire - and to allow

Mick to have a sit down. Being a pianist, of course, is an inestimable boon for resting the legs. Paul McCartney in his shows spends longer at the keyboards than he ever did in the Sixties. Little Richard celebrated his 60th birthday on stage at Wembley not long ago and was athletic enough to play the piano with his feet; but that was the most exercise his feet

had all night. Intervals are now de rigeur. As the Pink Floyd shows demonstrated they serve the dual purpose of giving the band a rest and exploiting 30 years of merchandising memorabilia.

Gary Gitter must give thanks that he once recorded a song that mentioned a motor bike.

that mentioned a motor bike When he performs he enters dramatically on a motor cycle and remains seated on it for rather longer than is neces-

Bob Dylan plays regularly, but his one-hour afternoon performance on Saturday will mean that he will be seen for the

first time in years.

Normally when he is on tour
the lighting is on fade to black
so that the condition of his face has been a matter for conjecture. Hyde Park could prove his undoing. The afternoon sun can be cruel.



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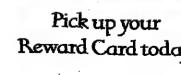
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THE INDEPENDENT . THE

G7 may curb arms sales to Third World Leaders meet to

CHRISTOPHER RELLAMY Defence Correspondent

John Major is expected to demand radical action to limit arms sales to the Third World at this week's G7 summit in Lyons, which threatens to stop export credits to some of

Britain's best customers.

Treasury sources said the
Prime Minister will propose that export credit guarantees should not be given to countries with "excessive" military spend-ing, which United Nations guide-

Saudi Arahia spent half as second largest with £225m. much again on the military than on health and education in 1990-91, and Oman nearly three times as much. China spent 14 per cent more on the military than on health and education.

Last year, Britain granted £543m nf export credits to overseas borrowers - equivalent to more than nne-tenth of its total £5bn arms exports. The guaran-tee is given to a United Kingdom bank to enable it to extend credit to a foreign purchaser. Last year, China was the largest recipient of export credits, worth

Of Britain's top customers, £227m, and Saudi Arabia the

Even though, in China's case, these credits related to non-military purchases, the proposed new rules, if strictly enforced. would have stopped them. However, much depends oo how tightly the rules are drawn. Export credits might be denied when they relate to arms sales, for example, but not to other exports, and a country only spending a little more on the military than on health and education like China - might be exempt. Ohtaining recent comparisons

Movement, an independent think tank, which has been pressing for limits on the arms trade and Third World debt has estimated that since 1990 Britain has paid £800m to underwrite arms sales which have not been paid for. Jessica Woodruffe, the head of campaigns, said: "Ideally we'd like to take this beyond excessive military spending and include

to non-G7 countries should be

The UN Development Programme's 1994 report recommended no nation should spend more on its military than on health and education combined, and that the target reduction in and 2005 should be to 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP). Britain and France curreotly spend 3.1 per cent, the United States 3.9 per cent, while the highest spending Nato member is Greece, spendrepressive regimes as well."

Last year's G7 summit at Halifax, Nova Scoria, Canada, sug-gested that one criteria for aid

ing 4.6 per cent. The Independent Group on

Schmidt, the former German Chancellor, recommended spe-cial aid should be given to countries spending less than 2 per cent of GDP in the securi-

ty sector. Charles Masefield, head of the Defence Export services Or-ganisation (DESO), recently said Britain aimed to increase its share of a diminishing global arms export market from its present 19 per cent to 22 per cent by 2000. That way, Britain would maintain its current £5bn annual arms exports. Following

The World Development their "non-productive" expen-Movement, an independent diture in other words, arms. Countries chaired by Helmut et Union, Britain is currently the et Union, Britain is currently the world's second largest arms exporter after the US

Although Britain enjoys substantial earnings from nems exports, export credit guarantees mean that about one-fifth of those earnings are subsidised by the taxpayer. Ms Woodruffe said: "Export credits were being given to buyers - like Iraq. for example - long after it be came apparent those debts weren't going to be repaid. The priority has got to be to stop the flow of arms to poor countries which can't afford them."

_caders \elill\'a Burundi crisis

Amid fears that violence in Burundi could erupt into genocide, African heads of state are today meeting in Tanzania to discuss the country's deterito discuss the country's deteri-orating security situation. Pres-sure for foreign intervention has been mounting as the lighting intensifies between rebels of the Hutu majority and the military which is dominated by the Tut-

si minority.

Among those due to attend the talks in Arusha are the presidents of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Burundi. Zairean president Mobutu Sese Seko, whose involvement is seen as crucial to a negotiated solution, will be represented by his deputy prime minister and foreign minister.
Large numbers of Hutus from
Rwanda and Burundi have sought refuge in Zaire.

The meeting will be attended by the head of the Organi-sation of African Unity (OAU), Salim Ahmed Salim, and former Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere, who is mediating in on-

going Burundi peace talks. The leaders will be reviewing diplomatic efforts to stem the violence in Burundi which has claimed some 150,000 lives since 1993. The United States, in particular, has been intensifying efforts to halt what the State Department has called "acts of genocide against ethnic groups" in Burundi.

The former US ambassador to Burundi, Robert Krueger, recently wrote in a diplomatic cable that the central African country faces "a greater chance for major conflagration than at any time in the last two years".

The United Nations Security Council has been considering contingency plans if such a conflagration were to ensue. The plans demand the provision of a multi-national intervention force and the establishment of "safe zones" for refugees in neighbouring countries. The OAU has agreed to in-

tervention if the move has UN support. However, the logistics of assembling up to 25,000 troops under a UN mandate are

far from straightforward.
According to diplomatic sources, up to a dozen African countries would be willing to provide troops. However, only Egypt and Tanzania have so far spoken openly of intervention.

Diplomats at the UN say that in the event of an emergency mission, the main element would be made up of Western countries.

"The problem of who would send what is uncertain", says a diplomat in the Burundi capital, Bujumbura. "It now seems clear that the UN can't help. So there are many things to sort out like who would pay and which would he the lead country."

The US, which is backing the contingency plan, has said it would provide help with logistics hut would not send troops. Britain, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Canada have also been involved in meetings to develop a contingency plan.

However, France, an influential country in Francophone central Africa, has shown itself unwilling to become involved. It has announced that it is suspending its military cooperation with Burundi and reducing civilian aid programmes because of

the spiralling violence.
The UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros Ghali, has is-sued repeated calls for a "multinational force" rather than a UN-commanded mission. The failure of the UN to prevent genocide in neighbouring Rwanda in 1994 has forced many in question the ability of the world body to respond to large-scale political and bu-



Europe Editor

Croat authorities are flouting key provisions of the Dayton sitive phase of Bosnia's post-war Their actions leave little

doubt that the Bosnian Serbs and Croats are seeking to block the implementation of Dayton and its aim of reuniting Bosnia as a multi-national state in its pre-war frontiers.

Last week Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader and indicted war criminal, was nominated by the Pale branch of his ruling Serbian Democratic Party (SDS) for president of Republika Srpska, the Serb section of Bosnia. The nomination was a defiant response to the West's insistence that elections across the whole of Bosnia should take place on 14 September.

Bosnian Serb sources said last week that aides to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic-the region's most powerful politi-cian and erstwhile mentor of Mr Karadzic - had ordered Mr Karadzic to resign by 25 June. Mr Karadzic's nomination

contravenes the Dayton accords, which ban alleged war criminals from running in the elections and holding public office. In a reaction that summed up the West's infuriation, Germany's Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, said: "Karadzic belongs hefore the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague, not in the president's cl

Mr Karadzic's nomination is viewed as an attempt by his wing of the SDS to torpedo the elections and thus disrupt the Dayton timetable for reinte-Bosnia's multi-national communities. Neither Bosnia's Muslim-Crnat federation nor Western governments will approve elections in which Mr Karadzie takes part, but that could provide the pro-Karadzie camp with an excuse to or-

chestrate a boycott of the polls. Meanwhile, Bosnian Croat nationalists have struck a blow against Dayton by naming a new government for Herzeg-Bosnia, their self-styled state in southwestern Bosnia which was supposed to have been dissolved earlier this year in line with the Dayton agreement. The Bosnian Croats are evidently nnt ready to give up Herzeg-Bosnia, and the hope of merging the region with Croatia proper, just yet. A known hardliner. Pero Markovic, was appointed the Bosnia, and its defence minister was named as Vladimir Soljie - who, since he was defence minister in the Muslim-Croat federation, should never

have accepted the new job. Bosnian Muslim politicians were outraged that Mr Soljic should be so disloyal to the Mus-lim-Croat alliance. International authorities also expressed

"The number of hardliners in the so-called government [nf Herzeg-Bosnia] is disquieting," said Colum Murphy, the spokesman of Carl Bildt, the international community's High Representative for Bosnia. "It is an abhorrent new manifes tation of their contempt for the

Dayton agreement."
The recent actions of the Bosnian Croats, and the pro-Karadzic forces in Serb-controlled Bosnia, make it abundantly clear that both sides are still trying to find a way of arranging a three-way national partition of Bosnia. The Serh aim remains the unification of Republika Srpska with Serbia, just as the Croat aim remains the unification of Herzeg-Bosnia with Croatia.

Both appear to be calculating that the West's interest in Bosnia will not last as long as

imposed in a budget by Benazir Bhutto's government. In Islamabad three people died and 60 were hurt in clashes with police Zyuganov proposes coalition government

PHIL REEVES

Just over a week before his fate will be decided, Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov vesterday turned another page in his otherwise unusually lowkey election campaign play-book by increasing the stakes attached to his offer to form a Russian coalition government of

Mr Zyuganov, whn is trailing Mr Yeltsin in the polls, outlined a scheme to firm a government in which no fewer that a third of the posts would be accupied by the existing administration the same regime that he was hotly denouncing as impostors

nnly weeks ago. On the surface, his move is yet another attempt to widen his vote, amid growing evidence that he cannot recruit enough sup-port from the 107 millino po-tential electorate to win next week's run-off unless the turnnut drops sharply - an out-come not entirely impossible. On 16 June, he won 32 per cent of

Communism whipped up by his opponents (state-controlled Russian TV has heen bom-harding viewers with movies about the gulag) by distancing himself from his Communist-nationalist roots, and recasting

himself in a different mould. His new role is that of a compromising peace-maker in a land riven by conflict and instability - a fact underlined by a Kremlin power struggle last week which led to the sacking of fnur leading hawks, includ-ing the Defence Minister, Pavel

Announcing his latest plan in Mnscow yesterday, Mr Zyuganov said he was trying to avert an "all-embracing collapse of Russia by finding common ground across the political spectrum. He proposed setting up a Council of National Accord, representing "all in-fluential political forces, public and nnn-government struc-tures", which would appoint the government of "national trust".

than the President. He is trying to his "national-patriotic" hloc; a third to other parliamentary factions, and a third to the

current government. Last night his aides produced a list of those whom he would like to take part, which included some improbable names: the liberal economist, Grigory Yavlinsksy (whose party agreed at the weekend to dn all it can to keep the Communists out); Yuri Luzhkov, the newly reelected mayor of Moscow, and a staunch Yeltsin supporter; and neo-nationalist, Vladimir

and neo-manoransis, viadimir Zhirinovsky, who has also come out against Mr Zyuganov's bloc. Although Mr Zyuganov's proposals are likely to fall on stony ground in the Kremlin, he does have more leverage that at first appears. The Communist Party dominates the State the next government's prime

Although the hugely powerful Mr Yelusin can ultimately ignore parliament, he is unlikely to want a repetition of the



Vanishing act: Rawalpindi's main market at a standstill in response to a call for a national strike by opposition parties in protest at official corruption and heavy taxes

Zyuganov: Trying to avert 'all-embracing collapse'

stand-off which ended with the bomhardment of the White House in 1993. Mr Zyuganov's coincide with even more elaborate attempts at behind-the-scenes ocgotiating over the post.

This may help explain why Mr

Zyuganov appears to have reined back his campaign, preferring to stay in the capital. But this is also partly because Mr Zyuganov and his Communist-nationalist bloc wants a low turn-out, knowing he can-Duma (lower house of parliament), which has the right of veto over the appointment of the 24 million he attracted in the first round. It makes more sense to lower the volume of po-litical debate before the run-off,

In a remarkable demonstration that the entente cordiale

MARY DEJEVSKY

flourishes at state level despite popular tensions over the beef crisis. Royal Air Force planes will participate in the Bastille Day flypast over Paris this year, the first time either British or foreign planes have taken part. Eight air force planes - a Vis-count, three Harriers and four Tornados - will mount a joint display with an equal number of French planes - a KC-135 trans-

port plane and seven Mirages. Bastille Day, celebrated on 14 July, is France's higgest public holiday and traditionally an exclusively national occasion. The French Revolution inaugurated a quarter of a century during which Britain and France were at war for most of the time. The only other time oon-French forces have been involved in the military parade was in 1994, when a contingent from the mainly French-German Eurocorps, a joint military force, took part in the march-past.

British diplomatic sources in Paris said the joint flypast is in-tended to demonstrate the

strength of co-operation be-tween the air forces of the two countries. The British Government is strongly against be-longing to multinational units on the Eurocorps model, but in favour of closer co-operation hetween separate national forces like the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps now working in Bosnia. A joint French-British air planning group was inau-gurated during Jacques Chirac's first visit to Britain as President on 30 October last year. It consists of only a small planning cell hased at High Wycomhe. Britain and France are also cooperating in the naval sphere, following France's move closer to the Nato military structure.

RAF to give Paris Bastille Day display

The air display presents the spectacular sight of formation flying low over the Arc de Triomphe and down the Champs Elysées. For any foreign troops to take part is a signal honour. But the French will also have something to savour. The appearance of British planes in Royal Air Force insignia contributing to such an anti-royalist occasion as the celebration of the French Revolution will doubtless draw a wry smile from the crowds.

Hero to some: Imre Nagy, the communist who led

Hungary's 1956 uprising

Photograph: Camera Press

strange and awful, but his po-sition in history is secured." If parliament does make

Nagy an official martyr, he will Europe, the Hungarian Social who have been saddened by the ists say they have reformed and rancour of the debate. "I am to-mocratic takeover. The fact with some strange bedfellows.

| Description of the debate of the last person to be thus honoured, in 1953.

that his figure is now being used to highlight political divisions is and latvan Szechenyi, Hurgary's two 19th century heroes, he will be rubbing shoulders with former Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef 1 and

Hungary divided over martyr's cause

ADRIAN BRIDGE

In an act seen by many as smacking of little more than hypocrisy and opportunism, Hungary's ruling Socialist party is today set to pass a law elevating Imre Nagy, the leader of the abortive 1956 uprising, to the level of a martyr.

According to those behind the law, the intention is simply to complete the rehabilitation of Nagy, which began with his reburial in 1989, and to accord him the status of all the other most revered figures of Hungarian history. Instead of attractiog universal support, however, the law has been condemned by political opponents. For some, despite his undoubtedly radical and reformist platform, Nagy was ultimately too much of a communist in be worthy of such an honour.

For most the main problem lies in the fact it was the com-munist predecessors of the So-cialists – in the form of Janos Kadar and the hardliners who took over from Nagy - who helped in the crushing of the revolution and the arrest and ex-

ecution of Nagy.
"This law does not have the pride and honour it should and is little more than a political move," said Laszlo Rajk, a member of the Free Democrats, who despite being in coalition with the Socialists are planning to vote against the hill. "If someone was killed, there must have been a murderer too."

Nagy seemed to have a pre- are now Western-style social demoniting of what was to come at the end of the show trial in which he was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his actions in 1956. I wonder if the people who sentence me to death now will be the ones who rehabilitate me later," he is reported to have said.

The Socialists are on a sticky wicket. While some of their predecessors joined forces with Nagy in 1956, others did not. Embarrassingly, the Prime Min-ister, Gyula Horn, was a member of a workers' militia unit that joined forces with Soviet tanks to suppress the revolution. Like former communists

throughout central and eastern

tally disappointed and hitter," said President Gonez in a telemocrats. Indeed, in a nice twist, they say that the policies they are pursuing now are precisely those that Nagy was trying to in-troduce in 1956.

There was a reformist wing in the party in 1956 and, as such, we too are the legitimate de-scendants of the revolution." said Ivan Vitanyi, one of the Socialist proposers of the bill. "In our principles and practice today, we are continuing the work of Nagy."

With 54 per cent of the seats in parliament, the Socialist party should have no trouble forcing through the law. But there the nation's demands for indeare many, including the Hungarian President Arpad Göncz, second was in 1989 when his re-who have been saddened by the burial came to symbolise the de-

vision commentary earlier this munth marking the 100th an-niversary of Nagy's hirth. Sometimes I am not even sure there was a 1956." Others, however, believe that, for all the fuss, the legacy of Nagy will not be tainted. "Nagy achieved the unique feat of uniting the whole nation on two occasions," said Janns Rainer, a historian at the In-

stitute for the History of the

1956 Revolution. The first was

in the 1956 itself when, for all his Marxist past, he embodied pendence and freedom; the

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Netanyahu faces US inquisition

ERIC SILVER Jerusalem

Israeli leader to be grilled over Hebron and the West Bank settlements

Having weathered the squalls of the weekend Arah summit, Israel's new right-wing Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, now faces the more searching test of a first post-election visit by the United States Secretary of State, Warren Christopher.

American diplomats complain that Mr Netanyahu has not given the Clinton administration clear answers on the substance of his peace diptomacy.

"Peace is the most heartfelt

desire of every citizen in Israel." the Prime Minister pledged on Sunday, "and it is the strategic choice of Israel." Mr Christopher wants him to put flesh on the rhetoric.

What, he is expected to ask Mr Netanyahu when they meet here today, is he going to do about Hebron, the last West Bank city still under occupation,

which Israel was supposed to day'a Arab summit commu-evacuate in March? Is he going niqué, which called for with-more moderate approach as a to provoke the Palestinians by expanding West Bank settlements, as promised in the Likud election campaign and more guardedly in tast week's coalition guidelines? And what sort the best form of defence.

leader, Yasser Arafat? An interview published vesterday in Newsweek suggests that the Prime Minister has not reconciled himself to embracing an old enemy some of the new Israeli ministers still dismiss as a "terrorist" and a "war crimmal". Mr Netanyahu told the American news magazine he would meet Mr Arafat "if we come to

of dialogue does Mr Netanyahu

envisage with the Palestinian

the conclusion that a meeting with him is important and essential for the security of Israel". The official reaction to Sundrawal from all occupied territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, was predictably combative - attack as

"The peace process cannot be made hostage to any prior con-ditions," Mr Netanyahu retort-ed. "Peace talks have to be based on security for Israel and for all the peoples in the re-gion. Preconditions that hinder security for Israel are incompatible with peace negotiations. For the quest for peace to con-tinue, for it to achieve success and move forward, such preconditions must be removed."

The Foreign Minister, David Levy, denounced the Arab rulers for dictating terms that would be better left to the nebasis for the continuation of the process, which places rules and obligations on both sides," he

Israeli Middle East affairs commentators were more sanguine about the Cairo iamboree. "The communiqué was the best that could have been expected from the Israeli point of view," Dr Barry Rubin, of the Begin-Sadat Centre for Strate-gic Studies at Tel-Aviv's Bar-Ilan University, told the Independent. "It kept an open mind, it didn't foreclose any options.

"There was no call to freeze normalisation. Most importantly, the Arabs accepted the break-through which the peace process has made. Even with its criticisms, this summit established a new framework for Arah

diplomacy. But the next summit will be more important from the point of view of setting policy."

Dr Avraham Sela, a Hehrew University expert, added that the communiqué made no new demands on Israel. "The demand to withdraw from the administered territories, including Eastern Jerusalem, is not new, he wrote in the Jerusalem Post. "But what was different was the underlying message, appealing to Israel to contribute its share to the peace process."
The influential Hebrew daily

paper, Ha'aretz, highlighted Mr Arafat's summit statement: The election results in Israel have created a new reality which cannot he ignored. Despite all the slogans and extreme declarations, we are still interested in negotiating with the elected government. We cannot agree

been attained and agreed upon. as this would mean a return to the unknown whose results cannot be foreseen by anybody."

But the tabloid Yediot Aharonot underlined a passage in the communiqué warning Israel that any deviation from the principle of territory for peace would force the Arabs to re-examine the steps they would take.

The paper's veteran Arab affairs writer, Smadar Peri, noted a Machiavellian prediction from a Syrian spokesman: "We can allow ourselves to be moderate. Netanyahu will stick to the Likud's platform, will expand the settlements and will not withdraw from the Gotan Heights. Then we shall convene for a new Arab summit and take much

more interesting decisions."
The Israeli left is worried that he may be right. So, it seems, is President Bill Clinton's administration.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The United States Supreme Court yesterday effectively delayed the sexual harassment case brought against President Bill Clinton by the former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones until well after the November presidential election. Without comment, the country's highest court agreed to consider Mr Clinton's appeal that because of the "unique responsibilities" of his job, private civil suits against a sitting President should not go forward until he leaves office. The court will hear arguments this autumn, and issue a ruling probably in early 1997. Ms Jones alleges that Mr Clinton, then Governor of Arkansas, exposed himself and asked her for sex in a hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May 1991.

But the White House is still enmeshed in a host of controversies that will offer the Republicans rich fodder for the campaign, including Congressional hearings on the FBI files affair. The White House insists it requested and received more than 400 confidential FBI background files -some of them on leading Republicans – as a result of a 1993 bureaucratic mistake, centred on an old list of White House pass-holders. The Secret Service, however, says such lists were kept scrupulously up to date - allowing the Republicans to claim the Clinton Administration was seeking dirt on potential opponents, much as did Richard Nixon's White House two decades earlier, in what would be-come the Watergate scandal. Rupert Cornwell - Washington

Germany froze a series of official contacts with China in a row over Peking's human rights record in Tibet, hut said it wanted in cool a beated diplomatic row before it boiled over. Construction Minister Klaus Topfer and Environment Minister Angela Merkel cancelled planned visits in China and the Bonn Defence Ministry said a meeting of senior military officers set for Peking later this year was now off. The moves came just a day after Peking, angered by a German parliamentary resolution last week condemning China's rights record in Tibet, said it was withdrawing an invitation for the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, to visit next month. Reuter - Bonn

Denmark and Norway are to sent envoys to Burma to seek a full explanation for the death in prison of their shared consul, Leo Nichols, a friend of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Foreign ministry sources in Copenhagen said Denmark's resident ambassador in Thailand would leave for Rangoon "as soon as possible" to study the full circumstances of Nichols's death on Saturday, reportedly of a heart attack.

Norway's Singapore charge d'affaires, Anne Thaimann, sent to Burma on Friday to offer support and protection to Sun Kyi, returned yesterday to Singapore to consult col-leagues over Nichols's death but was due to fly straight back to Rangoon. Reuter - Copenhagen

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The United Nations' chief weapons inspector, Rolf Ekeus, said he believed Iraq was still concealing weapons, components and documents concerning its arms programmes. He said that an agreement was reached in Baghdad on Saturday for full, immediate, unconditional access for UN weapons teams to sites they wished to inspect. But added: "Iraq is still, according to our analysis, concealing some important components and weapons and also concealing important documents explaining their programme." Reuter - New York

India is considering granting autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir, Defence Minister Mulsyam Singh Yadav said. A resolution may go before parliament next month. Mr Yadav is the first minister of the 23-day-old centre-left United Front government to visit the troubled Himalayan region where more than 20,000 people have died since a separatist rebel-lion erupted in 1990 in the Kashmir Valley. Renter - Srinagar

Three clergymen belonging to Poland's Orthodox Church have been formally charged with customs fraud after illegally importing four cars to Poland. The three were indicted of fraud after submitting forged documents to avoid paying customs duties. The documents alleged that the cars had been gifts to the Church which, under Polish law, would have exempted them from border payments. The priests and a university professor who masterminded the scheme had cheated the state treasury out of 25,000 zlotys (nearly £6,000) in customs payments and taxes.

Unabomber suspect, Theodore Kaczynski, faced charges in a California courtroom in four bombing attacks, two of them fatal. Tied to 12 other mail bombings over 17 years, he could receive the death penalty if convicted. Mr Kaczynski was flown to the state capital Sacramento under heavy guard from Montana, where he was arrested in April. He is charged with two killings in the Sacramento area. A 1985 blast killed computer store owner Hugh Scrutton, and an explosion in April 1995 took the life of timber lobbyist Gilbert Murray in April 1995. Tim Cornwell - Los Angeles

Brazil puzzled by 'soap' murder PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

All of Brazil knew him as "PC" He was the halding, bespectacled multi-millionaire businessman at the heart of a corruption scandal which led to the 1992 impeachment of President Fernando Collor de Mello. So well-known was his face that "PC" masks were among the most popular at the Rio carnival.

Yesterday, Brazilians learnt that PC, Paulo Cesar Farias, had been found shot dead in his beach house in what appeared to be a crime of passion, an appropriate ending to his soap opera life. Next to the body of the 50-year-old husinessman, shot through the heart, was that of his 28-year-old girlfriend.

Police believed Farias had heen shot by the woman, Suzana Marcolini, before she hanged herself in the house in Maceio in the state of Alagoas.

Brazilians were not so sure. They noted Farias's murky past - President Collor de Mello once called him "a megalomaniac and a charlatan" - and the fact that he had heen planning a political comeback in a run for a parliamentary seat.

He was last in the country's glossy magazines when his first wife, Elma, committed suicide

As President Collor's campaign treasurer, Farias was renowned for procuring large contributions from fellow businessmen to the elections of Mr Collor and his party colleagues. After Mr Collor's brother, Pedro, revealed that Farias was the hub of an extortion network to line his own and the President's pockets, a congressional investigation found that Farias had regularly flown ont of Brazil with suitcases full of cash on board a private black Lear jet he called "The Black

The President was im-peached hut still lives in luxury and talks of a comeback. Farias fled the country hut was spotted in a luxury Bangkok hotel in November 1993 and deported to Brazil.

He was sentenced to seven years' jail, mainly for tax evasion, but served only 19 months, most of it under house

He had told friends he was planning a political comeback, hnping in run for a parliamentary seat in 1998.



Hat trick: Slippery moment for a Chinese soldier in Peking yesterday during an exercise to refine military posture Photograph: John Reed/Reuter

A queue for death in the Uutback

Darwin — Philip Nitschke is known as Darwin's "Doctor Death". In his office on the outskirts of town, he puts the finishing touches to a computerised machine that will allow his patients to kill themselves when the world's first law allowing voluntary euthanasia comes into force next Monday.

Dr Nitschke claims to have 25 terminally ill patients waiting to use his "death machine", including one from Britain. The first, Jan Culhane, a 51-year-old mother from New South Wales, travelled almost 3,000 miles across Australia to Darwin, in the Northern Territory, where she has gone into hiding. Mrs Culhane is suffering from cancer, which began in her breasts and has spread to her lymph glands. In a written note, she described why she made the jour-ney: "I want to die because I've got a terminal illness and because the quality of my life has been reduced. The last emphatic reason is that I will not

live in fear."

Northern Territory is to legalise voluntary tors. The Australian Medical Association has called for its reeuthanasia, writes Robert Milliken

Territory's Rights of the Ter-minally III Act begins operating on 1 July, Mrs Culhane will ask Dr Nitschke to connect her to his machine. It consists of a small suitcase containing two syringes of lethal drugs. One lead from the case goes to a laptop computer; another lead would go into Mrs Culhane's arm.
The computer screen would present Mrs Culhane with a three-stage process, ending with the statement: "If you press YES, you will cause a lethal injection to be given within 30 seconds, and will die. Do you wish to proceed?"

If she does press Yes, compressed air will drive the first of the drugs. Nembutal, a barbiturate, into her arm and she will fall asleep within seconds. The second drug, a muscle relaxant, will follow. She would die painemphatic reason is that I will not lessly from asphyziation. Dr before death process can begin. The legislation has caused sages of support on the Interpretation as planned, the Northern puter software Self-Deliverance.

There is a sense of the surreal as Dr Nitschke describes his

preparations for the groundbreaking law in one of the world's last frontiers. The Northern Territory is a place the size of Europe with just 150,000 people. It was Marshall Perron, the territory's conservative for-mer chief minister who pushed the legislation through last year after witnessing his mother and a fellow MP die painfully, The Act goes beyond similar

provisions passed in The Netherlands and Oregon in the United States. To qualify, a terminally ill patient must have been examined by at least two doctors and a psychiatrist, who must confirm that the request to die does not arise from a clinical depression related to the illness. Then there must be a 48-hour "cooling-off period"

peal, saying that it takes no consideration of the ethical and moral ohligations of doctors that life, however impaired, is worth fighting to save. Chris Wake, the association's

Northern Territory president, has launched a court challenge in a coalition with clerics and anti-abortion groups, claiming that the law is unconstitutional. He is unmoved by opinion polls which show that up to 80 per cent of people in many Western countries support legalised vol-untary euthanasia. "Why has every other government in the world, faced with such figures, come to a different conclusion to the Northern Territory gov-ernment?" Dr Wake asks. "Because here, there is a peculiar immediacy about politics. That has bastardised the process."

Faced with condemnation by many of his peers, Dr Nitschke. 48, is something of a loner. He has received international mes12-year-old girl in Birmingham describing him as "evil". Most of those who have con-

tacted Dr Nitschke about using his machine are middle-aged or elderly women with terminal cancer living in rural areas outside the Northern Territory: "They're people who are used to being in control of their lives and not being patronised by the medical system," he says. Dr Nitschke helieves that

many of his outraged colleagues are hypocrites, because some doctors already quietly help some terminally ill patients to end their suffering, by withholding treatment or increasing doses of pain-killing drugs. Had he ever hetped someone to die voluntarily? "I have to be cir-cumspect because the Northern Territory is a predatory place. But the short answer is yes."

If the legal challenge blocks the new law, Dr Nitschke says: "It will put us back to a system of people trying to get their own drugs and doing bad jobs of try-ing to kill themselves. Back to

Eritreans unite in cause of nation-building

After nearly 20 years in London, Gebru Testamariam returned to his native Eritrea two years ago. An experienced accountant, he came back to participate in the reconstruction of his country which has just cele-brated the fifth anniversary of its victorious struggle for inde-pendence from Ethiopia. The 30-year war - the longest in modern African history - left

the country devastated.
"I was asked to help out by a friend in the department of economic affairs," said Mr Testamariam, who has an office at the headquarters of the ruling People's Front for Democracy and Justice. "I was a fundraiser for the struggle while I was in London. Even though it meant leaving my family behind, I felt I had a sense of duty to come back for a few years. People like me can be of great

assistance because we're starting from scratch."

His commitment is typical of the aelflessness which characterises so many Eritreans. He is working without pay to hetp realise a vision that more than 100,000 of his fellow countrymen have already paid for with their lives. Countless thousands of fighters were disabled and nearly half a million people fled during the war, most of them into neighbouring Sudan. The impact of such losses on Eritrea, a country the size of England with only 3 million people, is not hard to imagine.

"The fighters have a lot of dedication but what they really need is expertise", said Mr Tesfamariam who is due to complete his voluntary service and return to London next year. "So much has to be done. People need training to run a modern economy. At the moment all the ministries are functioning on a skeleton staff."

Most government employ-ees perform two or three jobs. Everywhere you go, people are husy huilding, repairing, re-painting. Dr Berekt Habte Selassie, chairman of the commission drafting a new constitution said there is "an almost demonic determination to get things done". Eritrea, one of the poorest countries in the world with an annual per capita income of only £100, is heing seen as a model for the regeneration of a whole continent. So many African countries are struggling to recover from

ruinous conflicts yet few exhibit

the dynamism and drive which

characterise Eritrea. "We've all seen so much waste and loss in Africa", said Glenn Anders of Usaid, the development agency of the United States government which has made Eritrea its biggest per capita aid recipient on the continent. "This country could be

national sense of purpose, the discipline of its people, the hard work which is evident in the countryside give us cause for hope. The government has also been financially very responsibte in the use of its resources." The rock-filled dam being

built at Hayelu, a highland farming community not far from the capital, is an example of the infrastructural investment favoured by the govern-ment. Rather than using expensive or imported materials, the agriculture ministry is relying on local stone and labour to complete the task. If the workers can get it finished before the rains come, it will help irrigate a large area for the growing of crops and vegetables.

In the end, there is something disconcerting, even faintly disturbing about the self-reliance with which the Eritreans approach every task. The government has already turned down one of the success stories. The £30m funding from the Inter- purpose. Five years after when people go hungry.

cause of reluctance to accept certain policy reforms. It has likewise rejected 100,000 tonnes nf wheat from the European Union because of the pricing conditions attached to the offer.

These are people who want to make their own mistakes and who will not be dictated to by outsiders. Having won a war against insurmountable odds. they feel there is little that cannot be achieved without initiative and tenacity. When an American athletics coach recently advised the organisers of a track event to provide water for the runners, he was met with a stern rebuff. There would be no refreshments, that was not how it was done. A number of the athletes passed out in the heat and had to be hospitalised. But no one admitted that a mis-

take had been made. For the moment, Eritrea is united by a sense of common that goodwill is not enough

victory and two years after a referendum which endorsed independence, hundreds of disahled fighters are still living in Asmara's Denden camp. They receive less than £1 per week pocket money. Yet no one complains and no one suggests that their sacrifices might not have

been worth it. It remains to be seen whether this national consensus can survive the social and economic difficulties generated by reconstruction. The shops along Asmara's palm-lined Independence Avenue are full of consumer goods and there is tess evident poverty than in other African cities. But most of the population are poverty-stricken subsistence farmers. Plans to develop tourism, marine resources and mining are as yet far from realisation. If rewards are not forthcoming by next year's elections, the ruling party might find

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John Alton was one of Hollywood's finest cinematogra-phers, an Oscar-winner for his hut its telling, from the openhrilliant work on the 17-minute hallet that concluded An American in Paris (1951), the author of an acclaimed textbook, Painting with Light (1949), and a pre-eminent figure in the emergence of the film noir movement in the Forties, when the films of Alton and the director Anthony Mann formed the apotheosis of noir style - low-key lighting with bold use of shadow, darkness and shafts of light, tight close-ups and extreme an-gles, much of it reminiscent of German Expressionism in the

Alton was born Aldan Jacko, in Hungary, in 1901. He emi-grated to New York in 1919 and five years later was working as a laboratory technician for MGM in Hollywood. Signed as a cameraman by Paramount in 1928, he was sent to Europe to head their camera department io Paris, where he frequented the art galleries. "The great artists were lighting masters before Hollywood existed." he said, "starting with Rembrandt." The producer Howard Koch later stated that when Alton worked on a film "hlackand-white was so beautiful it was almost like it was painted".

Asked to design Argentina's first sound-film studio in 1932, he stayed in the country for seven years, writing, directing and photographing several features and marrying a local journalist, Rozalia Kiss. On his return to Hollywood he shot his first American feature. The Courageous Dr Christian (1940). Working on B movies with

very restricted hudgets at Republic, Monogram, RKO and Eagle-Lion. Alton became popular with directors for his imaginative use of limited resources. His lighting and camera angles did much to add lustre to the ice-skating sequences of Vera Hruba-Ralston in Ice Capades Revue (1942), Lake Placid Serenade (1945) and Murder in the Music Hall (1946), and lent distinction to such exploitative melodramas as Enemy of Women (1944, about the lovelife of Dr Goebbels) and The Lady and the Monster (1944). His first film with Anthony Mann, T-Men (1947), was an instant hit, eveo gaining a spread in Life magazine, which was almost unheard of for the prod-

uct of a low-budget studio

(Eagle-Lion). The story of gov-

Arthur Charlesby will be re-

membered as the father of ra-

diation chemistry. A physicist by

training, he was endowed with

an acute intellect reinforced by

a remarkable practical and

commercial flair. These talents

bore fruit in later life in an

astonishing number of original

papers and patents largely con-

cerned with the effect of high

energy radiation on polymeric

London and Antwerp, and graduated from the Imperial

College of Science in London,

where he studied diffraction

phenomena in organic crystals

under G.I. Finch and G.P.

Thompson. His early profes-

sional career was interrupted by

the Second World War, in which

he served in the RAF in the vi-

tal field of operational analysis,

and was mentioned in dis-

Charlesby was educated in

ing night-time shootout staged in strange perspectives, is not. The oppressive close-ups of half-illuminated faces, the use of deep focus, dissonant light-ing and baroque compositions gave the film distinctive vigour and established the reputations of both Alton and Mann.

The team's next film, Raw Deal (1948), was set partly on San Francisco's docks - an excuse for Alton to make expressionistic use of fog, netting and dark shadows. He Walked By Night (1948) was credited to Alfred Werker, but Anthony Mann directed all the exteriors, which were filmed on real lo-cations and given Alton's indi-vidual brand of lighting, notably his use of just one small light source starkly illuminating the Los Angeles drainage pipe through which the killer makes his final flight. The next Mann-Alton col-laboration, Reign of Terror (1949), portrays the French

Revolution in noir terms, and Mann praised Alton and the set designer William Cameron Menzies for creating seeming-ly lavish effects from a minuscule budget. Mann's breathless pacing and some of Alton's most extreme lighting effects and camera set-ups make this one of their most delirious entertainments.

The work of Mann and Alion had been noted by MGM, who offered them contracts and teamed them for Border In-cident (1949), a film modelled closely oo T-Men, with the he-roes now immigration officials investigating the smuggling of low-paid Mexicans into California. Altoo's use of chiaroscuro lighting gave majestic beauty to the landscapes, but the film's dark tone and modest pretensions were far from the gloss associated with the studio. "When it came out, MGM were flabbergasted," said Mann. "It wasn't anything they thought a motioo picture should hel"

Alton's tenure at MGM was stormy. Popular with producers who admired his cost-cutting methods and speed at setting up, he was less popular with the studio's established cameramen who used masses of lights, far more assistants, and were accustomed to be given time to as-

patches. This work involved

collaboration with the United

States Air Force on the

effectiveness of Allied bombing.

Charlesby became responsible

for the planning of air traffic in

post-war Europe, and was in-volved as an adviser during the

Berlin airlift of 1948-49. He then

joined the Atomic Energy Re-

search Establishment (AERE)

at Harwell working on the ef-

fects of radiation on malerials.

vestments (TI), heading a small

research laboratory at Hinxton

Hall, Cambridge, he moved in

1957 to the Royal Military Col-

lege of Science at Shrivenham

(the technical university of the

army, today known as Cranfield

University; it moved to Shriven-ham from Woolwich in 1946) as

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away too many trade secrets. When Vincente Minnelli, unhappy with the work of the cameraman Alfred Gilks on An American in Paris, insisted on Alton's filming the ballet sequence, it added to the resent-

ment. "With Gilks, every little thing was lit," Minnelli told the writer Donald Knox, "and there were certain things that had to have mood. Alton had never worked in colour . . . he'd done some very fine black-and-white things at Eagle-Lion. He was disliked, however by the other cameramen – they all thought he was egotistical. But he was so fast and used so few lights. I got along just wonderfully with him. I felt that the ballet needed someone who would live dangerously.' The film's star and chorcog-

rapher Geoe Kelly added that a lot of camerameo became stubborn when new lighting effects were suggested. "We found Alton willing to try anything, when we were used to cameramen saying, You're nuts, you can't try that." The secret of the ballet's photogra-phy," said Alton, "was the smoky quality, which changed all the colours to pastel." Keogh Gleason, the set decorator, re-

Professor Arthur Charlesby

some 60 lights, Alton would only use three or four, which cut down tremendously on labour. It's a wonder he didn't have a

light dropped on him . . ."
With sections based on the paintings of Dufy, Toulouse-Lautree, Utrillo, Henri Rousseau, Van Gogh and Monet, the ballet is a toto-de-force of dance, music, movement and colour with stunning variations of mood and light, and is generally regarded as the reason the film won the Academy Award as Best Film of 1951.

Alton started to work with Kelly again on his next musical, Singin' in the Rain, but after a few days shooting Kelly and his co-director Stanley Donen re-placed him, averring that his work was "too dark". His first collaboration with Minnelli had been on Father of the Bride (1950), and he joined the director three more times - for the sequel, Father's Little Dividend (1951), the diluted but effective screen versioo of Robert Anderson's play Tea and Sympathy (1955), and the comedy Designing Woman (1957).

Alton's volatile relationship with some of MGM's executives and to several projects cutride

led to several projects outside the studio. Harry Essex's I the July (1953), the first film to be sess possible compositions and lighting schemes. He had also written a book, *Pointing with* called that the electricians' made from a Mickey Spillane union tried to stop Alton cutting down on the lights. "Of filmed in 3-D, is notable only for

Alton's distinguished work, and enthusiasts have been known to watch it on television with the sound off to concentrate on the photography.
Altoo's final two noirs,

though, are excellent examples of the genre: Joseph H. Lewis's The Big Combo (1955) and Allan Dwan's Slightly Scarles (1956). The former is both brutal and erotic with a sense of pessimistic fatalism reflected in the low-key, high-contrast camerawork. It is hierally one of the darkest of Alton's films, with minimal set-dressing. Virtually the entire film takes place at night, with the actors in dimly lit rooms. For the final scene, Lewis told Alton he required an airport set. "Just drape the set in black velvet," said Alton,

"and we'll put a revolving light that goes around. You'll have an airport in about 10 minutes." The result was totally convincing and, with some banks of mist added, bleakly atmospheric. Slightly Scarlet, the best of several Dwan-Alton films and an intriguing tale (from a James M. Cain story) of ambiguous motives and ambivalent relationships, is enhanced by Alton's

garish colour palette: 1: '"" Among Altoo's last films Aldan Jacko. (John Alton), were Daniel Rann's transposi- cinematographer: born 5 Octohouse of the August Moon (1956), and three films for the

writer-director Richard Brooks, The Catered Affair (1956), The Brothers Karamazov (1958) and

Elmer Gantry (1960), which had some striking examples of his flair for creating pools of light, and for which its star, Burt Lancaster, won an Oscar. Alton started work on Lancaster's next project, The Bird-man of Alcatraz, but when he and the film's first director Charles Crichton were fired he suddenly dropped completely out of the Hollywood scene for 30 years, to travel and to paint ("I wanted to live," he later said). Widowed in 1987, he reemerged into public life in 1993 when the Telluride Film Festival paid him tribute. His critical reputation having grown, he was given a Life Achievement

to attend festivals and to give lectures and interviews until a hip injury precipitated a decline in health. In the preface to his book, republished last year, John Alton states that his goal was "cap-turing bits of light at rest on things of beauty".

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tion of the Broadway hit Teh ber 1901; martied Rozulia Kiss. house of the August Moon (died 1987); died Santa Monica, (1956), and three films for the California 2 June 1996.



from every corner of the globe.

Arthur Charlesby, radiation physicist: born London 12 Oc-

Professor Harold Woolhouse

Harold Woolhouse was a botanist and Director successively of the John Innes Institute in Norwich and the Waite Agricultural Research Institute

His achievement at the John Innes was to turn it, during a period of government disinvestment, from an institute for plant research into a centre of international scientific excellence. Woolhouse believed that the problems of feeding the world and the protection of the environment could be solved by the application of scientific research, and he encouraged international co-operation to that end. In his final six years at the Waite, he turned it into the premier southern hemisphere plant research institute, providing vital training for biologists throughout the Far East.

He was boro in Sheffield in

1932, and brought up in a small house full of ferrets, whippets and racing pigeons. His father, a schoolmaster, collected birds eggs and was a keen allotment gardener, an interest he passed on to Harold, his eldest child, who helped him in the garden and collected butterflies and moths on his own account. The extended family was close by with the grandparents next door and during the Second World War it was their cellar they all used as an air-raid shelter.

Harold Woolhouse went to a local school and his love of "botanising" began there with walks over the common, encouraged and inspired by his chemistry master, Alfred Ridler. When he left he did not apply to university (he would have been the first in his family to do so) but worked for a year as a market gardener, thinking to study Horticulture at college. At the same time he tried and failed to get a job at the John Innes. The year over, he took up a place at Reading University to study Horticultural Botany instead.

Here began his academic career, which, though Woolhouse considered himself a late developer, resulted in his being awarded the Chair in Botany at Leeds University at the age of nly 36. He excelled at Reading and,

advised by Professor Tom Harris, undertook a PhD on leaving. He typically chose to pursue his studies further afield, at the University of Adelaide. There he met his wife Leonie, an undergraduate who, by coinci-dence, was living in Urrbrae House, later the focal point of his directorship of the Waite.

After four years in Adelaide, he brought Leonie home to England, where they intended to stay for no longer than two years before returning to Australia. In the meantime he ferred autumn above other sea-

Woolhouse began as Junior Research Fellow at Sheffield University in 1960 and worked his way through the various grades of lecturing, with a sabbatical six months at the University of California at Los Angeles, studying plant senes-cence, in 1967. He left Sheffield as Senior Lecturer in 1969 to take up the Chair in Botany at

Here his openness and energy were put at the service of themselves. Woolbonse had an almost photographic memory, for which he apologised, but he retained oames and hackgrounds with ease and had a genuine interest in everyone around him. As a leader he responded hest to challenge rather than passive agreement. His democratic instincts ran

deep to the extent that later at the John lanes he abolished the director's parking space. As one of his students remembers, he didn't tell people what to do but generated ideas.

He was an innovator. He in troduced computer networks at Leeds. He also travelled. In 1973 be went with an expedition down the Zaire River, and three years later embarked on another expedition down the Amazon. He kept diaries of these periods. Woolhouse took over the

John Innes Institute in 1980, his original application being lost down the back of the photocopier. He brought in part of the Plant Breeding Institute under the title of the Cambridge Laboratory and negociated with the Gatsby Foundation to have the Sainsbury Laboratory installed there. A new library was built under his directorship and he put in train the transfer of the Nitrogen Fixation Lab-oratory from Brighton to Norwich.

At 60, as a civil servant, he would have had to retire but chose instead to take up the Directorship of the Waite Institute in Adelaide in 1990. His dynamic leadership there was widely acknowledged, as were his achievements in bringing together important institutions and state resources.



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by Enrico Coen, 1995

It was at Adelaide that he developed the lung tumour that was to spread and kill him, though the process took 16 mooths longer than the two months first feared. He had been in the last stages of huilding a A\$70m plant research laboratory. The new library he had built at Adelaide has been named in his memory.

Harold Woolhouse loved music and poetry, but could converse on all topics with all people. His own gardens at Leeds. and latterly at Wymondham, in Norfolk, were his great love. They evolved rather than obeyed any strict plan, almost like Gothic fantasies. He prestarted on the academic ladder. sons and delighted in old roses. In his last days he was at home and asked that family and friends should read poetry to him, chiefly from Donne, Eliot and the late Hardy.

George Szirtes

Harold William Woolhouse. botanist: born Sheffield 12 July 1932; Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Sheffield University 1960-69; Professor of Botany, Leeds University 1969-80; Director, John Innes Institute and Profeshis PhD students, many of whom now hold professorships versity of East Anglia 1980-86, Director of Research, AFRC Institute of Plant Science Research and Honorary Professor 1987-90: Director, Waite Agricultural Research Institute and Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Adelaide 1990-96; married 1959 Leonie Sherwood (two sons, one daughter); died 19 June 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BUSHELL: On 19 June at Colchester Hospital, 10 Morag (nee Ellis) and Tony, a daughter, Ilona Mary Hannah, a sister for Hugh. MICHIE: On 19 June 1996, to Lisa (née Egan) and Brian, a daughter, Leah Mary, a sister for Daniel Joseph. SPENCE / KREITMAN: To Richard

and Julia, a son, Joseph, on 15 Jun 1996, a brother for Eilen. THATCHER: On 22 June 1996, to Stephonic (nee Bowers) and Mark, a son, David Lloyd George, a brother for Rhys.

DEATHS

CARR. On 19 June, suddenly but peacefully at Hexham Hospital, Li-Cot Henry Ralph Carr DSO MBE, Royal Engineers, aged 82 years, of Woodhill. Otherburn, Belowed husband of the late Hester, father of Lucy and Caroline, grandfather of Claire, Hester and James, and brother of Caroline, Sylvia. Private cremation. Memorial service to be amounted. CARRITTE Dougles, On 19 June in Memorial service to be announced. GARBUTT: Douglas. On 19 June, in Guildford Hospital, beloved husband of Nina and father to David and Sarah. Funeral at Crematorium Chapel. Guildford on Friday 28 June at 11am. Enquiries regarding flowers to R. Ayling Funeral Directors. Telephone 01483-567333.

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Birthdays

of Department.

Dame Margaret Anstee, former United Nations Under-Secretary General, 70: Mr Peter Blake, painter 64; Sir Jack Boles, former Director-General, National Trust, 71; Sir Alcon Copisarow, a chairman, General Commissioners for Income Tax, 76; Mr Cyril Fletcher, comedian and broadcaster, 83; Mr Derek Foster MP, 59; General Sir Roland Guy, former Chief of Staff, HQ, BAOR, 68; Mr Eddie Large, comedian, 54; Mr Sid-ney Lumet, film director, 72; Mr Vic-tor Marks, cricketer, 41; Mr Roy Marsden, actor, 55; Mr George Michael, singer, 33; Mr Richard Morgan, Warden, Radley College, Oxford, 56; The Hon Sir Charles Morrison, former MP, 64; Sir Gerrard Neale, former MP, 55; Mr Howard Newby, novelist, 78; Sir Kenneth Oxford, former Chief Constable, Oxford, former Chief Constable, Merseyside Police, 72; Lord Ravens-dale (Nicholas Mosley), author, 73; Miss Carly Simon, singer and song-writer, 51; Mr Larry Smith, former trade union leader, 73; M Patrick Tambay, racing driver, 47; Mr Robert Venturi, archinect, 71; Mr Moray Wat-son, actor, 68; Miss Doreen Wells, ballerina, 59; The Rev Keith Wilkinballerina, 59; The Rev Keith Wilkin son, Headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 48; Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale, former Astronomer

Anniversaries

Births: Robert Erskine Childers, author and Irish nationalist, 1870; Louis, first Earl Mountbatten of Burna, last Viceroy of India, 1900; George Orwell (Eric Blair), author and essayist, 1903. Deaths: Ernest Theodor Amadeus Hoffman, writer, composer and caricaturist, 1822;

George Armstrong Custer, cavalry of-ficer, killed in battle 1876; Johnny European-Atlantic

Mercer, composer, lyncist and singer, 1976. On this day: the heirs of Louis

the Pious fought the indecisive Bat-tle of Fontenoy, 841; Lucien Smith

took out the first patent for barbed wire, 1867; the Strand Magazine pub-lished the first "Sherlock Holmes" story by Arthur Conan Doyle, (891;

Erskine Childers became president of the Irish Republic, 1973. Today is

the Feast Day of Si Adalbert of Egmond, Si Eurosia, St Febronia, St

Gollicanus, St Gohard, St Maximus of Turin, St Moloc or Luan, St Pros-

per of Aquitaine, SI Prosper of Reg-gio, SI Thea and SI William of

National Gallery: Xanthe Brooks,

"El Greco (iv): El Greco's posthu-mous reputation", (pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Stephen Astley, "William Morris: de-signer", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Wendy

Nelson-Cave, "Portraits of British Painters from Lely to Lawrence".

RIBA Architecture Centre (Royal

Gold Medal Presentation), London

W1: Harry Seidler talks about his

Royal Over-Seas League

Dr Alan Sked, Leader, Independence

Party, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House, St James's, London SWI, His

subject was "Could Britain Afford to

be Independent Today?" Miss Hazel

Vercelli or Monte Vergine.

Lectures

flexible polymer such as polyethyleoe could he "crosslinked" and rendered rigid by exposure to high-energy radiation. (The story goes that when at Harwell, where he worked in the metals department, Charlesby put something in the reactor and forgot about it; when he looked at it again he nonced that its plastic container had undergone a substantial change, so he determined to start work on polymers.)

Many commercial applica-tions were evident, leading to an extensive range of patents

world-wide. Recognition that This inaugurated a particularly fertile period in original work when Charlesby's enthufoodstuffs could be effectively sterilised by radiation within sealed plastic packages fol-lowed. A further development siasm for fundamental research produced a plethora of scientific papers devoted to the effects of was the oow widespread use of radiation on polymers. His sig-nificant contributor to this radiation for sterilisation of medical equipment. Charlesby's flair for showfield lay in the discovery that a

manship was evident at this time. To make the point that sterilising food and drink by radiation was inherently barmless, he astonished an audience of brigadiers and major-generals by pouring out a glass of irradiated beer and drinking it during the lecture. While it is certainly true to

acknowledge the strong commercial thrust of these radiation studies. Charlesby remained keenly interested in problems of theoretical physics, notably in relativity theory. His brilliant yet simple approach to the quanti-

Mrs Pauline Green, MEP for Lon-

don North, was the guest speaker at a dinner held yesterday evening by the European-Atlantic Group at St Ermin's Hotel, London SWI. Her

subject was "Challenges Facing European Union". Viscount Mont

Mr Andrew Bache, to be Ambassador

ue as Patron of the London Choral

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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sation of time and space bore fruit in his closing years. He was actively working on further developments of this topic during his final illness. Earlier papers in this series were published in the Journal of Radiation Physics and Chemistry, of which he was founder and editor-in-chief. For many years he travelled

widely directing research throughout the world, from China to Zagreb. His longlasting collaboration with the Polytechnic University of Lodz in Poland was acknowledged by the award of the Marie Curie Medal for radiation work in 1989 and by an honorary doctorate in 1990.

His friends will recall with pleasure Arthur Charlesby's engaging friendliness and spontaneous hospitality with Irene his wife at their home in Watchfield, distinguished by an incred-

ible array of drinks and cordials

James H. Turnbull

tober 1915; Professor of Physics, Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham 1957-80 (Emeritus); married 1958 Irene Gould-ing, died Swindon, Wiltshire 13 June 1996.

Change of judge for Maxwell trials upheld LAW REPORT

Regina v Lord Chancellor, ex parte Maxwell; Queen's Beach Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Sachs) 19 June 1996

gomery of Alamem presided. Lord Dahrendorf and Miss Joyce Quin MP The Lord Chancellor did not act unreasonably in declining to exercise his power under sec-tion 9 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to request Lord Justice Phillips to preside over the remaining stages of the criminal case against Kevin Maxwell and others, even though he had, Mr Alan George Moses QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division. when a High Court Judge, been appointed the trial judge, had Mr Anthony Fann Hatt, to be a ful-time legal member of the Immigra-tion Appeal Tribunal.

The Dake of Gloucester, 10 continconducted the preparatory hearing and had, at the Lord Chancellor's request, continued Society for a further term of five to preside over the first of the trials to be heard despite his

> Appeal.
> The Queen's Bench Divisional Court refused an application by Kevin Maxwell for indicial review of the Lord Chancellor's decision, communicated by letter dated 9 February 1996. Ahm Jones QC and Leah Saffian

promotion to Lord Justice of

(Peters & Peters) for the applicant; Stephen Richards (Treasury Solicitor) for the Lord Chancellor, Nigel Pleming OC and Mark Lucraft (Treasury Solicitor) for the Serious Fraud

Lord Justice Henry said the ap-plicant was arrested in 1992 and charged with fraud. In 1993 the 10 charges preferred against him and his co-accused were transferred to the Central al, he made it clear that, unless Criminal Court for trial under the serious fraud regime established by the Criminal Justice Act 1987. Mr Justice Phillips, as he then was, was appointed trial judge.

At the preparatory hearing

held pursuant to section 7 of the 1987 Act, he ordered severance of the 10 counts in the indictment. To achieve man-ageability of the case before a jury, he restricted the first trial to counts 4 and 10. That trial ended oo 19 January 1996 with the acquittal of all defendants on both counts.

On 2 October 1995, the judge had been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal. That meant he was oo longer qual-ified under section 8 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to sit as a judge of the Crown Court. He could only do so if, as happened, the Lord Chancellor invited him, under section 9(1) of

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that request, be would not have had jurisdiction. After the end of the first tri-

requested to do so by the Lord Chancellor, he would have no jurisdiction to sit as a Crown Court judge at two further trials arising out of the indictment. The Lord Chancellor declined to make such a request, and the next trial was listed before Mr Justice Buckley.

The applicant sought judicial review. His case was that Lord Justice Phillips, having ordered a preparatory hearing in rela-tion to the whole indictment under section 7 of the 1987 Act. was thereafter bound to preside over the trials of all counts on that indictment save in exceptional circumstances such as

In their Lordships' judgment, after his appointment, Lord Justice Phillips would only be empowered to conduct the trial of all outstanding counts on the indictment if the Lord Chancellor requested him to do so under section 9(1) or (4). The authority given that Act, to continue. But for him by the Lord Chancellor's

initial request was to conclude the trial of counts 4 and 10. He had concluded that trial.

The trials of the remaining counts were not an "ancillary matter relating to" that trial within section 9(7)(a), nor were they "proceedings arising out of" that trial within section 9(7)(b), so as to permit him to attend court to deal with them after the expiry of the original period of authority.

Their Lordships also rejected the submission that the Lord Chancellor's decision had been irrational.

The Lord Chancellor was exercising a broad administrative discretion. He had to decide on the best deployment of judicial manpower in the proper administration of justice. This involved a balance between competing facets of the interests of justice; between the best disposal of the remaining counts in a single trial, albeit an important one, for which Lord Justice Phillips was uniquely well placed; and the broader interests of justice in having a fully manned Court of Appeal for a period of a year or more. On the facts, irrationality was unsustainable.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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the leader page

Labour tinkers at the margins of welfare

hen Christopher Smith the benefit man, was told to think the unthinkable, everyone started to salivate. Something shocking, we wondered, something short and sharp to drive the unemployed back into work and save us all some cash?

Sadly not. At least not in the new policy paper published yesterday, as the first stage on Labour's road to its welfare manifesto. All the Shadow Social Security Minister could offer us yesterday on "welfare to work" were a few reforms to the Benefit Agency, onestop-shops for benefits and job advice. user-friendly forms to fill in, and greater individual flexibility in the allocation of benefits. Yawn. Such proposals are unthinkable only in their tedium. Mrs Thatcher reformed hureaucracies before hreakfast, lunch and dinner.

However, the issues Mr Smith is supposed to be grappling with are immensely important. The welfare to work" idea is central to new Labour's pitch to the voters. It's a classic case of old Labour values applied to the modern world. The party remains, so we are old, as concerned as ever about the plight of the poor and the underdog, but it no longer sees the solution as greater redistribution through the tax and henefit system. Instead Labour's remedy for the 1990s is to provide the poor and the unemployed with the job and training opportunities to prosper on their own.
"Hand-ups not hand-outs," and

"spring-boards not safety nets" - such is the alliterative rhetoric that peppers Labour politicians' speeches. It's a familiar refrain. The US Democrats have been chanting it for years, while the Social Justice Commission framed an entire agenda of policy proposals around the theme two years ago.

There is something substantial behind the rhetoric. Providing shortterm palliatives for a problem is a waste, when you can start to tackle the underlying causes instead. And the unemployment problem in Britain has a plethora of tangible underlying causes itching to be dealt with.

Defeatists tend to shrug their shoulders and assume unemployment is just a question of too many people chasing too few jobs. Not so. Some people don't get jobs whatever they do, and however fast the economy booms. The long term unemployed, the young, the unskilled, single women with children, and those whose partners are out of work too, all have particular trouble getting new jobs. Of course there are no cheap and easy answers, but there are certain things the state can do to help.

So the climate is right. The rhetoric is right. But has Labour got the practical policies? Yesterday's announcements sounded badly like tinkering at the margins, rather than radical overhaul.

Many of Mr Smith's proposals are welcome. Tailoring the approach of the unemployment service to the circum-

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stances of each individual is a worthwhile idea, and far more likely to help them swiftly to a job or retraining course that suits them. Moreover, as customer charters have revamped other parts of the public services to respect the consumer, it is about time someone did the same for the sections of the state which deal with the poor.

Yes, it will mean a big shift in the culture of the employment service. Yes, it will require better trained, better motivated and more professional staff. But it can be done, as Australia and California have demonstrated. None of this is especially inspiring, but fortunately

yesterday's proposals are not the sum total of Labour's welfare to work plans. For the young and the long-term unemployed Labour has been prepared to put a substantial amount of cash behind the most ambitious plans yet seen for these groups. Eighteen months ago, the party promised a £75 a week wage subsidy for everyone unemployed over two years. Last year they announced that every under-25 out of work for more than six months would get a choice between a subsidised private sector job, an FE course, voluntary or environmental work with the proviso that benefits would be cut if all those choices were rejected. Labour is, therefore, putting money in the same place as mouth for young people and long-term unemployed. But families who are caught in benefit

traps are getting no such generosity.

In the long term, getting people off welfare and into work always comes back to the same problems: making people employable and matching them to jobs that pay enough for them, and their families, to live on. Often that will involve providing people with exactly the kinds of support, training and work experience that Labour has proposed. However, if the combination of technology is a support of the combination of technology in the combination of technology. nology and global competition mean wages at the bottom end of the labour market are just too low, the long-term answer may lie in subsidising wages

rather than subsidising unemployment.
The government has already
embraced in-work benefits such as Family Credit; they encourage people to take low-wage jobs and at least get a foothold back in the labour market. But expanding them is an expensive proposition, especially when companies can simply cut the wages they pay knowing that the state will make up the difference. Without some kind of floor on wages, in-work benefits are just a blank cheque from the taxpayer to unscrupulous employers. Yet a minimum wage set too high would indeed destroy the very jobs that many of the unemployed need as their first step back into employment. No one should envy the Labour government minister stuck with unenviable task of getting the level right. Better to start low rather than make mistakes.

So there it is. The policy that helps people into work and saves taxpayers' money in the long term could be the very one that the Conservatives claim will cost jobs: a minimum wage. It's almost shocking and unthinkable after all.

Telling portrait of the PM

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Media-friendly relatives are the bane of the modern politician's life, but the Prime Minister emerges rather well out of an interview with his formerly reclusive sister Pat. Like many other driven men, he turns out to have been bullied at school. His woodenness, she says, began as a form of self-protection when he started out in the Tory party. But more important is the character-assess-ment from Major's elder sister: she thinks he is determined to the point of stubbornness, rather vain and has a theatrical streak. After his political dramatics of 1994 and 1995, this seems a rather accurate thumbnail sketch. As Major's Tory enemies pile on the pressure and wait for him to crack, Pat's interview is a text they should study. It is, from their point of view, a little alarming.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Morale sags in struggling health service Sir: You write; "Professionally, organisationally and morally, the health service is in remarkably fine fettle," (leading article, 21 June). This is in contrast to the letter 1 received the same day from the

President of the Royal College of Physicians. One sentence from this reads: "I thought you should be aware of the frustration and despondency which are beginning to reduce the sense of commitment which physicians have seen as the quality and standard of their care as being compromised."

I have just returned home from a round of emergency admissions to the medical wards under my care in a large teaching hospital in the North-west. Despite it being mid-summer every medical (as compared with surgical) bed in the hospital was full, with most of the weekend still to run. Patients were m extra ocos put np m rooms winci lacked necessary safety equipment. Some wards were running with a shortage of nursing staff.

It is easy to predict the situation as winter approaches. As happened last winter, more and more surgical heds will be occupied by medical patients until "cold" surgery virtually ceases. Physicians, already working at capacity, will be further stretched as they cover the extra patients on surgical wards. Corners will be cut and consultation with patients rushed through.

Health-service reorganisation has, at best, been an irrelevance and, at worst, a compounding influence to the current crisis, as it was basically aimed at reducing surgical waiting lists and took little account of the greater complexity of medical diseases. The new generation of business-style managers are out of their depth when helping medical staff cope with the steady increase in work land resulting mainly from the medical emergencies we are experiencing.
Only an immediate increase of

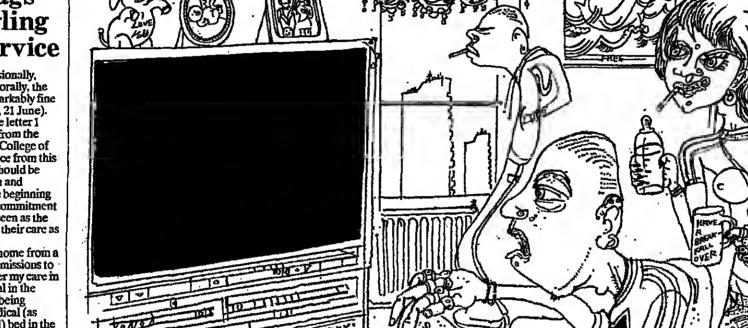
medical beds and staffing of about 10 per cent is likely to improve both patient care and "the professional. organisational and moral" aspects of the health service of which you are such a fervent admirer. Dr P D O DAVIES FRCP Consultant Physician Caldy Merseyside

Sir. Health-service rationing and accountability are here to stay (report, 21 June), but as a GP I am only too well aware that the same problem in different patients can produce dramatically different effects on their lives. I would like to plead for some discretionary powers of choice in allocation of resources. For instance, two patients may have similar problems with varicose veins; one may be very little troubled but the other may be constantly aware of the problem and feel that life is blighted. These two patients need a different approach. Dr ANDY ROSE Landon SW3

Expensive MPs

Sir: I am worried that increasing the minimum wage for MPs by 30 per ant (leading article, 18 June) will result in fewer of them being employed. There is also a serious danger of our Parliament being undercut by political assemblies from the Far East, where costs are WILLIAM BARRETT

London NI+70



Which channel shall we watch? Sloth, envy, avarice, wrath, gluttony, lust...

Old hatreds, new woes in Ireland

Sir: The founding of the Northern Irish state was indeed a peace plan, not a stitch-up (letter, 21 June), as two well-armed, large forces (the nationalist Irish Volunteer Force and the Unionist Ulster Volunteer Force) were squaring up to each nther. The World War I came along and the hulk of both militia went off to be slaughtered on the Somme, but they regrouped and skirmishing broke out on several

occasions. The partition of Ireland was a response to the problem that the population was divided on religious grounds between two factions who could not, and would not, live together. Much the same situation led to the creation of Pakistan and India.

To suggest that the "tacit support" in Northern Ireland for the IRA stems from a political set-up 70-odd years ago is to ignore the base sectarianism which has been the root of conflict in Ireland (and particularly in Ulster) since time immemorial. Most people support their local paramilitaries, whether loyalist nr nationalist. because they provide a gratifying means of inflicting harm on people whom you have been brought up to bate because of "what they did to

us back in ... " (insert date).

This is the stumbling block in the process of trying to involve paramilitaries in democratic politics. The republican and loyalist movements are, in all senses, fascist organisations, based on racist, nationalist (British or Irish) and sectarian beliefs and opposed to democracy and the democratic process. The graffiti that can be seen on walls all over Belfast, making fun of victims of the Greysteel or Loughin Island massacres or the Shankill and Warrington bombings are not pained political outcries, just naked, vicious hatred. TIM HODKINSON Lisburn, Co Antrim

Sir. Why does the IRA refuse to give up the bomh and the gun? A hypothesis suggests itself if we start from the question "What have they got to lose by giving democracy and peace a chance?"

The IRA leaders have devoted their entire lives to their war. They have climbed up through the ranks of their army to become important people with the power of life and death over their fellow men. If peace were to succeed, they would certainly lose their army, their positions, their livelthood and their power. Worse, it will have been proved that the way of violence had not succeeded. Their whole lives will have become meaningless and their future prospects bleak.

If the IRA's men are simply trapped by their need for power, which can only be justified by their continued use of it, we can still expect more of the same. MICHAEL PIVESSO E-mail: Pivesso@aol.com

Sir: IRA vinlence saves weak governments from a lack of political will or understanding of the mechanics of the situation. When there was a ceasefire for 18 months, the Government did not know what to do with it. First, there should be a preliminary referendum on

whether the British people want

Northern Ireland to remain in the UK on the present terms. The result would give the Government a firm political base on which to act and also shatter Unionists' delusion that, apart from Tory ultras, the rest of the UK wants very much to do with them at all.

The prerequisite of formal parliamentary democracy, namely an inclusive, stable, civil communi does not exist there. Remember, whenever you hear Unionist spokesmen talk of "the people of Ûlster", to translate this as "the Orange 60 per cent of Northern Ireland residents who constitute ou followers". The need is to devise novel forms which address the realities of this situation, including joint Anglo-Irish sovereignty. M A MARTIN London SW19

Taxing the childless

Sir: Your correspondent Anne Copley (Letters, 19 June) offers her respect for Fran Abrams's decision not to have children and then makes the startling statement "hut she is missing out". How can

she possibly know? It is true that those of us who have made a positive decision not to have children are missing out on one aspect of life but, equally. those who have children are missing out elsewhere.

Your correspondent Chris Mowbray (Letters, 19 June) states that his children must support the old age of those who have not had children. While there is truth in this, he has forgotten that, through our taxes, we pay for his children's education. SIMON ALLEN Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire

Hail Goldsmith but vote Labour

Sir: I am writing to correct the misleading impression given by John Rentoul's piece "Goldsmith finds an unlikely ally in rebel Shore" (20 June). I am not "an ally" of Sir James Goldsmith, nor do I support his new Referendum Party. I have been a member of the Labour Party for over 40 years and have served in past Labour governments - I shall vote Labour at the next election and to imply

that I might do otherwise is absurd. However, I do think that Sir James has done a service to British politics by highlighting what is undoubtedly one of - if not the most - important issues in British politics today. It would be a constitutional outrage if any British government was in hury the pound sterling in a European single currency or to take any other significant federalist measure without the prior consent of the British people in a referendum.

Sir James's intervention has already helped to bring about an important shift in Conservative party policy. They are now committed to a referendum. Labour is, unfortunately, still equivocal on this issue; it has accepted that a single currency is of such importance that popular

"consent" would first be necessaryeither through a general election or through a referendum. The issue would, of course, be buried in a general election and that is why I am campaigning for a clear commitment to a referendum. Rt Hon PETER SHORE MP (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) House of Commons

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Selective amnesia

Sir: What those of us who oppose reintroduction of selection must continue to say to John Major, however futile we may feel it to be, is that it won't solve the very real

problems which the nating faces. When we had grammar schools, not only did most children not go to them, but many nthers left them with very little to show for their supposed advantages. No one ever bothered to ask how many students left grammar school at 15, or left at 16 with very poor O-level results. Comprehensive schools have at the very least presided over an increased staying-on rate, and year-on-year improvements at GCSE, Advanced and degree level.

Britain is not as successful as many of its competitors in educating its citizens; Japanese children, for instance, are reckoned to be up to two years ahead of our own. What the Prime Minister doesn't say, or perhaps doesn't know, is that Japanese schools are comprehensives, and the children are taught largely in classes for mixed-shility groups. CHRIS DUNNE Headteacher

Langdon Park School

When German threat loomed Sir: I agree with Kevin Brownlow

(letter, 22 June) that Britain was concerned about German expansionism before 1914, but we should not confuse this with popular hatred of Germans.

In any case, concern about German ambition did not go so far back as the Franco-Prussian War. Lord Salisbury held to the view that "France is, and always will remain, Britain's greatest danger" throughout his three premierships which ended in 1901, and the director of Military Intelligence was of the view in 1897 that Britain was "most likely to go to war with France and Russia".

What caused a change in British perception of Germany from continental cousin-nation and traditional ally against France to potential threat was not the Prussian humiliation of France in 1871, but rather the desire of Kaiser Wilhelm II to huild a German navy to rival the Royal not become a matter of popular concern in Britain until the Navy Scare of 1909.

Before le Queux's 1906 book there was Erskine Childers' Riddle of the Sands in 1903. In this first book warning of a German naval danger is a hero, Davies, full of admiration for Germany. "They've licked the French and the Austrians and are the greatest military power in Europe. What I'm concerned with is their sea power ... it's going strong and that emperor of theirs is running it for all it's worth. He's a splendid chap, and anyone can see he's right."

Concern about Germany only turned into hatred with World War I. JIM MANGLES

Sir: By 1906, William le Queux may have been writing about an imagined German invasion in 1910 letter by Kevin Brownlow, 22 June), hut only 10 years earlier he had written The Great War of 1897. In this, Britain is rescued by her hrave German and Austrian allies after being attacked by Russia and France. The book is a splendid period piece; illustrations show Cossacks attacking the town hall,

Birmingham, and other equally alarming possibilities.

Most would accept that serious anti-German feeling in Britain goes back only to the sudden expansion of the German navy in 1896-1899 certainly not to the Prussian defeat of France in 1871. STEPHEN BARCROFT

Football madness

Sir. Which hright spark decided to hold Euro 96 in the middle of our children's examinations? It will be interesting to see whether the pass rates continue their upward trend this year.

particularly among male candidates.
KATHLEEN WOOTTON

Sir. L'Equipe, the French sports paper, billed Saturday's England v Spain match as the country of the mad cow against the country of the matador. Perhaps John Major should be told that we can win a bovine argument with Europe after all. LAIN MARTIN Chamonix.

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From soccer to beef, a tide of anti-German sentiment is sweeping the country. David Walker reminds us of our shared heritage and how much we owe to Teutonic creativity

countries, choral singing our common tradition, bellow out the same Hallelujah Chorus from the same oratorio written by an Anglo-German, Friedrich (Frederick) Handel. And for an encore they sing the ultra-patriotic "I vow to

thee my country" with music by Gustav Holst, child of the late 19th-century German musical tradition to which that most English of composers, Edward Elgar, squarely belongs.
It isn't a question of not

mentioning the war. It's a matter of not forgetting the depth The and penetration of our two peoples, their thinking and their creativity over the centuries. Give or take a conflict or two - in most of which we have heen on the same side. We share a parent language. We too have strong verbs. They have borrowed massively from

English, true, but we still rely on them for Weltschmerz and Zeitgeist. We call the days of the week by the same gods, except Wednesday. The Kaiser called on the same God to punish England, which gave the First if not the Second World War aspects of a civil strife.

Our royal family are Battenbergs and they would not have the throne if Brunswickers had not repulsed the Stuart insurgents at Culloden. And what would a Battenberg cake taste like without marzipan origi-nated in Lübeck, served for preference on Dresden china.

Great slices of our intellectual and cultural life are shared from Luther to Kant to von Karajan. No Germans, no Wig-more Hall. No German (in the shape of the chemist Albert Niemann, who first synthesised cocaine), no Irvine Welsh.

The Franco-Prussian war marked a break, a century of political and diplomatic tension and rivalry, streaked with cultural suspicion. Despite the fall ing out between the states at the rurn of the 20th century, tlieb Daimler, no William The Germans gave us dachs-Nuffield. No Max Weber, no sociology. And the other way round: no Ernest Bevin. no Mitbestimmung - the great postwar understanding between German unions and the bosses And, thanks to Johan Denner, which still, just about, lasts.

The Germans often repre-Amateur sing- sent our hetter selves. Their seriousness, their precision engineering - Vorsprung durch Technik - and their scholarship take what we also do and concentrate it, apply rigour. With-out German influences British 20th-century archaeology and theology are inconceivable, let alone physics and chem-istry. And vice versa. Across the sciences and technologies Germany bas learnt from Britain. Since they were first awarded in 1901, British and German physicists and chemists bave won virtually the same numbers of Nobel

> The movement of ideas and people between the two countries has latterly been mediated through the United States. The history of ideas is marked by the greatest of disjunctions -the expulsion of so many lead-ers of German science and letters because they were Jewish. The lines become difficult to trace: were Herbert Marcuse or Hannah Arendt American or German?

> But the pattern of mutual Anglo-German influence remains. Here is a map (Germans have always been great cartographers, the British geo-graphers).

RELIGION

Our Protestant religion was given to us by Martin Luther. The beginnings of the decline of Christianity in Britain can be traced directly to David Strauss, whose Life of Christ was deeply subversive of belief in early Victorian England. Latterly, English theologians have acknowledged their dehts to such as Karl Barth and Rudolf Bultmann.

NATURISM

Brighton heach would be hreast-free had not the Germans pioneered innocent exposure of private parts to the sunshine. Ditto environmentalism. Tree-hugging is a German

hunds (and rotweillers; and false teeth). And mountainclimbing as sport. And hawking (introduced to western Europe hy Emperor Frederick 11). the clarinet.



ART AND CULTURE High culture is shot through with German influences. The Pre-Raphaelites were influenced by German Romantimann and Caspar David Friedrich. Modernism has significant German components, notably George Grosz and the Expressionists grouped as Die Brücke. Modern British architecture is inconceivable with-

without the German expressionists; theatre without Brecht. Where would media studies in modern British universities be without Siegfried subject of theoretical deliberation before (the great parenthesis of German 20th-century history) he was forced to emigrate. Low culture borrowings from the Germans have lately been few, it must be admitted. out the Baubaus; painting Kraftwerk weren't long in the

TECHNOLOGY

The very idea of technology the systematic study of technical procedure - was invented by a 19th-century German, Johann Beckmann. In mining. chemicals, pharmaceuticals to rocketry, Germans have inno-vated and exported. No Gutenberg printing press, no books and no 90 point anti-German headlines in English newspapers. No Werner von Braun, no Sky satellite.

Much of the canon of West-

Buxtehude to the Bach family - a ready symbol of that courtly music in the 18thcentury when so much Germany was stagnant. The classical idiom is given its origin, continuation and limits by Beethoven. Richard Strauss and Hans Werner Henze. And where would opera find itself without Richard Wagner? The technology and forms of music are Germanic: from individ-

orchestra.

PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATION

tone of the symphony

Germans invented the idea of Enlightenment - Aufklärung. Immanuel Kant is, to this day, the godfather of pro- and anti- Enlightenment philosophy. Where would the English Euro-sceptics be without their borrowings from JG Herder. Friedrich Nietschze, a German philosopher more cited. Germany gave us prototypical

ern music is German, from than read, has been influential in at least one respect: like Wagner he has supplied genmagnificent outponring of eration after generation of students with the model, umker thought is so extreme he goes mad thinking it.

The Prussian theorist von Clausewitz is still taught at Sandhurst, so are the hattle plans of von Schlieffen. He partook of a long German tra-dition heginning in the 16th ual instruments including the century with Konrad Kyeser's accordion to the shape and treatise on war Bellifortis.

Without Karl Ernst von Bacr we would have taken much longer to understand the development of the human egg. Without Sigmund Freud - his thought world entirely German - we might not be any less in the dark about sex hut conversational lapses would be a

TRANSPORT

Cheer up! I didn't mean to drive you mad

lot less fun.

motorways in Hitler's Autobahn, would Sixties hippies have done?

POLITICS

Konrag Agei cle invented the "social market economy". This was taken up variously by Keith Joseph then David Owen and now languishes. Lady Thatcher was as we all know an avowed opponent of German "domination". She still bent her knee before the Freiburg professor Freidrich von Hayck, whose theoriSing about the economy and the law is teutonic to a T.

PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MEDICINE

The list of accomplished German scientists and doctors is long. Gerhard Domagk is credited with inventing the sulpha drugs, used in fighting hacterial infection and most historians of science would rank Robert Koch with Louis Pastcur for his work on hacteria. Wilhelm Roentgen invented X-rays. Headache

sufferers have to thank the Bayer Company for producing the first aspirio. And that list does not even include Ernst Mach or Albert Einstein, Austrian and Swiss respectively by nationality, but thoroughly German in their scheme of

SHARED FORTUNES In the early 17th century John Napier describes a primitive calculator; Withelm Schickard makes one. Early in the 19th century Johann Boettger finds out how to make true porcelaint a generation later locities. lain; a generation later Josiah

Wedgwood makes a fortune. Paul Julius von Reuter makes it big in London in the 1850s; a century and a half later shares in his company make some of the most rabid anti-German newspapers very

VICTORIAN VALUES

Victorian culture and values were heavily German. Prince Albert not only introduced the Christmas tree hut offered a model of how the state could inspire art, design and industrial progress. Bismarck took it up; Gladstone chopped

Frederick Engels passed without fuss hetween his father's textile plants in the Rhineland and in Manchester. There's something else Gcrmany gave us: Marxism. And the systematic collection of fairy and folk tales, thanks to the Brothers Grimm.

Systematic is the word. Nineteenth century Germany was the place for encyclopedia, museums, organised collections of data and Alexander von Humboldt's grand plan for what a university should be. The two cultures in the two countries marched in step, an Ohm for a Faraday, a Lichig for a James Clerk Maxwell. Henry Bessemer pioneers a cheap way of making steel. Within a decade William and Friedrich Siemens pick up the challenge and their open hearth process goes on to replace his throughout the

Always that practical bent distinguishes German science. William Herschel is typical: to make the telescope through which he explored the heavens, he constructed his own state of the art foot-pedal lathe.

FAMILIES AND DYNASTIES

The family history intertwines. Dynastic politics cross-cut. Ich Dien, the Black Prince wrote on his escutcheon, not Je sers. A Parliament full of sturdy English landowners pressed James I and VI to intervene in the German Palatine. Their descendants, equally sturdy landowners, turned to Hanover for the succession to unlucky Anne Stuart. Hanoverian relatives on the throne of Prussia sent Marshal Blücher to save Wellington's bacon at Waterloo. And so it goes...

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have bad a gratifying response to my request for entries for "The Ten Most Annoying Remarks In Daily Life" competition. Gratifying, in that some people actually sent in entries, because if they had not sent them in, I would have had to make them up or even make the whole competition up, as perhaps I may

The idea was to nominate remarks that people make to you in everyday life which drive you round the bend. They don't necessarily have to be made by close relatives, though most of them are, and this is only right and proper, as relatives get more chance (and motive) to annoy us than other people. Was it not Hugh Kingsmill who said: "Friends are God's apology for our rel-atives"? I think it was.

(Actually, someone did nominate that as a highly annoying remark - that is, any quotation prefaced with the question "Was it not X who said ...?" on the grounds that it is a disguised way of showing off. This particular reader writes "When people say to

you, 'Was it not Voltaire who said, 'I disagree with what you say but I defend to the death your right to say it?" ', they are not asking you if it was Voltaire who said it - they are showing off the fact that they know the quotation. What makes that particular question a tasty one, is that you can say, No, it wasn't Voltaire who said that actually - it was an unknown hiographer of Voltaire called SG Tallentyre who put the words in his

mouth... outh...".
One class of annoying remark that seems to annoy a lot of people is the catch phrase used way past its sell-by date. Anyone who still goes round saying things like "Nice to see you - to see you nice!" should be taken out and shot, is the general feeling. A recent exam-ple of this is the recurrence of the formula from the TV series in which Ian Richardson's prime minister keeps saying.
"You may think that - I could-

n't possibly comment", which is

still being repeated as if it were

still clever. The most ancient

example comes from the reader

Miles Kington

reiteration of an old Arthur

drive some people round the bend, such as "as the hishop said to the actress" or "it's the story of my life", but these don't quite qualify as entire remarks.)

Another class of annoying remark seems to depend entirely on context. A female reader writes to say: "I am gifted with what seems to be a slightly melancholy or even lugubrious expression, so people are constantly saying to me, 'Cheer up!', which of course only serves to depress me, especially if I am feeling who is driven mad by his father's quite cheerful already. There

Askey catch-phrase, "Give him the money, Barney!". (Joke formulas also scem to

are many dispiritng variations on this, such as 'Cheer up - it may never bappen' and Things can't be that had, can they?". Most people don't mind being encouraged to cheer up, but it maddens me and if I am ever sent to jail it will be for murdering someone who has just tried to jolly me out of what he fancies to be a bad mood."

One reader, if she ever murders someone, will be guilty of child murder, as her least

favourite phrase is that peren-nial child's excuse, "I didn't mean to". "Of course the child didn't mean to, when it broke the plate or stepped on my explodes our reader. "That's what I'm complaining of! That it involves stupidity, carelessness and thoughtless-ness! Sometimes I almost wish

the child HAD meant tol" Here are some of the other top contenders for the Ten Most Annoying Remarks of All Time.

"It was here a moment ago," "He's somewhere to the right of Genghis Khan." "Well, it can't have moved by itself."

"Yes, we do keep it but we haven't got it." "Su'n yourself." Some you win, some you

"Get that inside you." "A bit of how's-your-

"I've got to see a man about a dog."
"Just wait till your father

gets home!" "Not so as you'd notice." "A little of what you fancy

does you good." "Could you just pull in to the side of the road and switch

off the ignition, sir?"
"I think I was in the queue before you... "Warm enough for you?"

"Turned out nice again,

'I'll believe that when I see

"I'll believe you - thou-sands wouldn't." Ten million Frenchm can't be wrong." "No pun intended."

"Look what the cat's dragged in!"

All late nominations gratefully

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Fear and Lothian on home rule trail

Tony Blair is preparing the way to make Scottish devolution less controversial and more effective

n a speech tomorrow night, the pressing his Scottish colleagues to confront. Lwbat he believes he achieved in the closing days of the 1992 election campaign - making Labour's plans to change the constitution a convincing reason for voting Conservative.

It a matter of dispute how crucial his defence of the constitution was in 1992. Some research suggests he did little more than provide for floating electors the excuse they needed not to vote for Neil Kinnock. But the issue made a passionate advocate out of Major, he was comfortable with it and it energised his campaign as perhaps no other had. And it may be that - at least about Scottish and Welsh devolution - the voters subconsciously, and correctly, detected that Kinnock's heart wasn't in it (it still isn't).

Mr Major's speech will emphasise the centrality of the Westminster parliament, trailing some reforms to improve the timetable for, and scrutiny of legislation in the Commons. The implication will be that there is nothing a Scottish Parliament or a Welsh assembly can do that an evolving Westminster one could not

Tony Blair is committed to devolution though he personally shares some of Kinnock's reservations; and it certainly isn't the overriding priority it was for John Smith. He is also determined to find workable answers to the objections that behind the scenes, for

Blair is determine to maximise consent for home rule on both sides of the border. As a party leader who has converted his party away from tax-and-spend, he isn't (and can't be) wholly comfortable with the leeway a Scottish Parliament will have to raise additional taxes of up to 3p in the pound. And unlike many home rulers, he doesn't dismiss outright the West Lothian Question famously raised,

again and again, by Tam Dalyell during the fateful passage of the Scotland Bill in 1977-78.

If Scottish issues were to be decided in an Edinhurgh Parliament, what right would Scottish MPs have to debate and vote in the House of Commons on legislation that con-Commons on legislation that con-cerned only England and Wales? Or, as Balfour asked about similar proposals, in 1914, "Are you going to leave the whole of these 72 Scottish members here to manage English education?

Blair is almost certainly conscious that one trick the Tories are planning is to make a combination of the two problems - tax powers and the West Lothian question - converge on the single figure of Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. What right, they will ask, has Mr Brown, a Scottish MP, to fix as Chancellor tax levels for England and Wales which may not he, because of the Scottish Parliament's



Blair doesn't dismiss outright the West Lothian question

his own constituents in Dunfermline

All of which helps to explain why Blair is now doing some hard think-ing ahead of publication of Labour's Road to the Manifesto on Thursday week. So far Labour has argued deter-minedly that the tax-raising powers are much less threatening than they first appear, making the point that these powers might never be used. In the words of a report from the independent Constitution Unit, published today: "The difficulty of raising direct taxation in an environment where there will always be an election in the offing, either in the UK or in Scotland, should not be underestimated." But tax-raising powers, the final rates for there was a marked silence from

Labour's rebuttal-prone media spokesmen when the Scotsman reported last month that Mr Blair was coming under pressure from his own ranks to shelve the tax-raising powers. I would not now he in the least surprised if Mr Blair goes into the next election pledging that the Scottish Parliament will not have tax powers. at least during a first Labour term.
On the West Lothian question and

the related question of whether the relative over-representation of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be curbed by reducing their number from 72 to 59, the answer is less clear. One possibility is to preclude Scottish MPs from voting on English-only business. Contrary to most Labour mythology, this would not necessarily leave a Tory majority in charge of English business, since, as the report points out, whenever Labour has had a convincing majority in the UK, it had had a majority of English MPs, too. But whether Mr Blair goes down that route or another, he is determined to come up with some kind of

The third aspect that, it is safe to assume, is currently absorbing Mr Blair concerns whether Labour's plan will require a referendum in Scotland. The assumption so far has been that the general election will be enough of a mandate. But both the left thinktank, the Institute for Public Policy Research and, more guardedly, today's Constitution Unit report suggest that a referendum could go a long way towards entrenching public support for, and understanding of, the Scottish Parliament. This will be heresy to some Labour Scots, of course, who are convinced it isn't necessary; but if it isn't, what is there to

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The anti-home-rule Dalyell will try to whip up Labour support for the ref-erendum clause that will certainly be tabled by the Tories if Labour's Bill doesn't include one. More importantly, with Labour committed to a referendum on change in the electoral system, and quasi-committed to one in the event of a decision to join a single currency, can it really sustain the argument against holding one for the biggest change in the history of the Union - especially when Blair is confident that a referendum would be won by the home rulers?

Blair is said to believe that every attempted home rule measure in the past has foundered either because it was too amhitious, or because it was not seen to command full consent, or both. He is determined to see this one work. This may mean confronting Scottish Labour MPs with some hard choices. But he will at least have allies among those impatient activists who do not want to see the impact of the first Labour government for 17 years on the fabric of ordinary life in Britain lost in the legislative quagmire that will threaten n Scotland Bill which can't be passed or made to work.

modern art: the very act of buy-

ing something and putting it io

a gallery is enough to transform

it into a work of art. Marcel

Duchamp did it all those years

ago with a pissoir, and a million

people have done it since, with

a millioo different mundane

objects. The joke would appear

to be running out of steam.

Then along comes Tony Kaye
and does it to a human being.
Like most things Kaye does
like the two naked Aids

patients (both gleaming, to all appearances, with health and

efficiency) currently on show at

Jibby Beane's warehouse

gallery in Clerkenwell, with

signs saying "Please Touch Me"

- the principal effect is shock.

Kaye pays Roger's living

expenses; that's philanthropy.

But no, it's not: he claims to

have bought him, and that

sounds more like slavery. Fur-

thermore, he's offered him for

sale, at a price of £850,000. And

Roger, who is suitably grateful

for the improvement in his

lifestyle, and doesn't mind jet-

ting about at sbort notice

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The feel-good flavour is strawberry

Forget downshifting - moderation can be fatal. Excess means success says Glenda Cooper

Hand over a £1.80 punnet (5p up on last year) and let me indulge as much as I can, savouring each juicy mouthful

It's time we raised a glass of vintage champagne to conspic-uous consumerism. What is the point of searching after the feel-good factor for years if, as soon as it pokes its nose round he corner, Jereminhs start bleating about the price of fruit? Strawberries at Wimbledon are a perennial whinge rather like the British weather or

trains not running on time, although to hear some people talk you'd think each member of the public is being forced to buy a punnet. But the com-plaints about the price of a Wimbledon strawberry this vear are symptomatic of a noxious plague blowing through the Western

Hemisphere . that of simplicity and downshifting. There is no greater enemy to joyful and expencon-

sumerism than a hack-to-basics approach to life. In the down-

shifting revolution, exhausted workers are supposed to be pushing for part-time work, throwing out designer outfits for six T-shirts and one pair of trousers and embracing concepts such as Voluntary Simplicity and Beyond Basics, It all sounds wonderful until you realise that only the very rich can afford to downshift, hringing their salaries down from £100,000 to a modest £50,000. The rest of

on the lottery to do so. Downshifting only works when you have great contacts to run your management consultancy, relying on the Land Rover alone and ditching the GTL There hasn't been much call for downshifting to a council estate. This passion for economising

us are frantically hoping to

upshift and spending millions

on Gucci wallets and wearing Joseph suits for two seasons is a nonsense. Would-be escapees may be talking of retiring to their country cottages extolling peace and tranquillity. I give them two weekends before they realise the ocarest Sainsbury's is 20 miles away, the village puh doesn't have Sky and the village bus only stops twice a week. And

strawberry will cost you remember how hellish half-18p at this year's Wim-bledon. Rejoice, rejoice. over a £1.80 punnet (5p

What is it about the British and their striking desire to wear hair shirts when they could be having a perfectly lovely time indulging themselves? Surely this wasn't how we got to be Top Nation. Look at Henry VIt and Henry VIII as cases in point. Everyone remembers Henry VII as a boring, mean old fart who made his son wear hand-me-downs. Henry VIII (a keen tennis player) wore the loudest doublets in Christendom, bankrupted the Exchequer with pointless gestures like the Field of the Cloth of Gold. He ended up with an Age named after him as the creator of Modern Britain. It's a cautionary tale for anyone who believes in Chic Simple. Just as Marie Antoinette

hoped to boost the patisserie industry, the act of eating straw-berries is a phil-

anthropic ges-ture. The 10 small berries with their dollop of sugar and cream will help keep the 1,400 catering staff employed for the duration of the champi-

onship. Maybe not the most regular of jobs but a small kickstart to the economy.

It's not just limited to the strawberries; 170 enterprising locals will rent out their houses to the tennis stars for up to £4,000 a week courtesy of the Tennis London agency, students will earn a wage selling oews-papers to waiting punters and the local shops will benefit from Steffi Graf popping in to do a bit of last-minute shopping. All for a bit of consumerism.

But there is still hope that this nation of stoics will cast off its nation of stoics will east off its penny-pinching ways. A cou-ple of months ago Britain was declared the gold card capital of Europe – one third of all gold cards are issued here. And s not the preserve of the affinent Tory knights anymore - not with the right-on Co-op cards and helping to launch the Labour Party Affinity Gold Card. Large bottles of beer

and credit card debt all round. Remember, moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess. Oscar Wilde said that 100 years ago and I stand by it today. Pass me a spoon.

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Wanted: any old irony

Adopt a prole and own your own living work of art. Peter Popham on what makes a masterpiece

s this a work of art I see before me? I am standing at the top of the steps that lead up to the entrance of the Tate Gallery, and there beyond the gates is a short, bearded, middle-aged figure with a large tummy, wearing a white T-shirt inscribed Oxford University. Now he's inspecting the icecream van parked there. He goes to a nearby telephone box, then be's back in front of the gallery with a smouldering roll-up cupped in his right He looks slightly out of place

bere: a hit fatter, shorter and sadder than the normal run of Tate visitors, who err on the side of long, lean, young, elegant or, if none of the above, at least ostentatiously middleclass. Yet the man in the T-shirt belongs here as no ooe else does: he's the only human work of art in the place.

His name is Roger Powell, and one year ago he was exhibited at London's Saatchi Gallery as a living work of art, priced at £1,000. Roger's apotheosis was swift: until that morning he had been sleeping rough in the Bull Ring, by Waterloo Bridge, begging for food and cigarettes. He had been approached by Tony Kaye, the TV commercials director, and asked if, for a fee, he would be prepared to be a living work of art. Roger couldn't think of a

good reason to refuse. That night at the Saatchi Gallery there were no buyers for Roger, but Kaye himself has bedsit in Maida Vale plus £75 Last week, staff at the National



expenses. In return, all Mr Powell has to do is be a work of art. Like non-buman artworks, what this mostly involves is hanging around in galleries: the Tate is his most regular patch, but he can also be found at the British Museum and the National Gallery. The difference from the art on the walls is that, while people may occasionally cast sidelong glances at him, they do not as a rule stand very still, screw up their eyes and gaze at Roger. Students are not found cross-legged on the floor, sketching him; postcards of Roger are not available at the front desk, nor is he in any catalogue.

But this is gradually changing: like an unfashionable painting in a back gallery that slowly builds in fame and reputation until the curators are obliged to dust it down and become Roger's owner, paying him £60 weekly rent for a of Roger is slowly spreading.

Gallery looked blank when I showed them Roger's picture. "I don't recall ever having seen him," said one. "If it was officially happening here we'd have been told about it." "We wouldn't entertain him here," said another, firmly. "He must be at the Tate." But after a rash of recent publicity, the number

taposed cat, mouse and dog in edged closer and closer to the front of a cosy fire for the Solid Fuel Advisory Council, and orchestrated 2,000 babies for a Vauxhall Astra commercial, is not at the pinnacle of the advertising business by accident. He knows a trend when he sniffs one, and the genre to which Roger belongs - variously

His body strung with electric wire, the artist asks to be tortured

of those who see him for what he is - not a short, fat man with a heavy Old Holborn habit and a bad cough, but a work of art - is bound to increase. Soon spotting Roger will be as important an index of true discernment as having a new take on the Chapman brothers, or something interesting to say about Carl Andre's bricks. Because Tony Kaye, who jux-

known as live art or body art is one of the hottest trends

around. It was the Italian Futurists who in the early years of the century first urged painters to forsake their canvases and thrust themselves directly in the public's face. Since the emergence of people like Gilbert and George in the late 60s, "performance art" bas

the past few years it has become increasingly morbid and introspective. The Spanish artist Marcel li [sic] Antunéz Roca, his body strung with electrical wires, invites the audience to torture him by remote control. The Italian Franko appears "abject, naked, abused and cov-ered with his own body fluids," as the ICA describes his show. The French artist Orlan's performances occur in operating

theatres, and the operations slowly transform her appear-

ance. Her next operation will

endow her with an enormous

centre of critical atteotion. In

new nose. Compared to Titans such as these, Roger's "performance", which consists of hanging about outside the Tate Gallery, puffing on a roll-up, is modest. But unambitious as it appears, it is also possible to see it as a rad-

ical departure.

States, soon he's off to Moscow and Israel), makes no demur. Kaye's originality is not total. In the early 60s, the Italian artist Piero Manzoni signed and dated the naked bodies of people he called his "living sculptures", and gave them certificates declaring them to be authentic works of art. Last year, Mark Wallinger, shortlisted for the Turner Prize, bought a racehorse and declared that to be a work of art. But to buy Roger, and have him hang about - that requires a different order of temerity. It may or may not be "art", but it homes in on the exposed nerve endings of a society which, with the evacuation of the mental hospitals and the creation of a huge new population of home-less people, is striving to blunt its sensibilities and tunnel its

By making Roger a work of art, Kaye speaks to our fear that the rest of us. too, are at best merely commodities; and that at worst, like the people we see sprawled in doorways, our exis-tence is self-evidently futile. So what is a human life worth? The old question gains a

strange new resonance.

It is a key ironic idea in Let us not make children afraid of life

this week is Child Safety Week a week that has the potential for scaring the socks off even the most laid-back of children and parents. Set up by the Child Accident Prevention Trust and backed by the Department of Employment and Education, Health, Trade and Industry, and Transport, along with the Health Education Authority and McDonalds, the campaign begs us to think about the growing dangers our children face today.

Have you considered the "sun safety" of your children? Or what about the "summer poisons and stings aproblem", or the "safety on summer trips dilemma? Fear not, the child satety hotline is now open to help increase your awareness, change your behaviour and train you to become a responsible, safety-conscious parent.

Child safety is one of the growth industries in Britain and yet, statistically, children are safer, healthier and peer group nonetheless.

The biggest childhood risk is paranoia, says Stuart Waiton As time goes by, I hope that Patrick unproblematic are now shrouded in materially better off than ever before.

Many primary school children use the drop-in centre I run in Glasgow. Most of them are pretty sussed - either from being streetwise or because their parents have given them the space to look after themselves a hit. However, there are two boys, Patrick and John, whom I see from time to time, generally accompanied by their mother, who are clearly outsiders. They are both a bit awkward and nervous of the other children, and they usually sit next to me. Their parents are over-protective and, as a result, Patrick and John are at a disadvantage in developing relations with their peer group - no doubt

Childhood disease is all but gone and and John will be forced to grow up, accident mortality rates continue to start looking after themselves and taking a few risks. I say "hope", because with the growing industry of child safety specialists around today, there is a danger that, rather than maturing with age they, and the many others like them, will become more, rather than less, timid and afraid of

> Youth work has been redefined as Schools are starting to resemble prison camps - with CCTV, switch cards and private security guards on hand to deal with outsiders and a team of counsellors to handle the "scourge of bullies" on the inside. And many more parents are driving their children to and from school in fear of stranger danger. Areas of a child's life once seen as

fear. The most recent youth handbook sent to my centre noted that young people were at risk from unemployment, and they were also at risk of abuse from prospective employers when they went for joh interviews -"take a friend just to be safe".

Sex leaflets arrive every week to remind us all that Aids is out to get us. A disease that those oot in the highrisk groups have as much chance of working with "young people at risk". catching as they have of winning the lottery is, apparently, "everywhere". Meanwhile Patrick, John and the

rest of the children in my centre are being put at risk simply by playing on the computers. It seems these games are now officially "addictive" as kids "appear to enjoy the same euphoria as do smokers and heavy drinkers" while

and Drug Abuse Weekly, 10 March 1994). So, if you are in the area, drop m for a fix of Tetris or an injection of Mortal Combat.

Clearly children need to be looked after and taught how to cross the road, but the greatest risk they face today is paranoia and a life behind closed doors. When risk aversion means avoiding and fearing the big bad world, then the capacity for autonomous development is greatly reduced. Experiences are lost and living itself becomes one long night-

The emergence of such new conditions among childreo as eating, sleeping and other behavioural disorders the latest being "juvenile ME" - suggests that even for those children safe at home with their happy meal, all is

playing Sonic the Hedgehog (Alcohol The writer is a youth worker in Glasgow.



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Scottish and Grampian talks point to ITV merger

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Scottish and Grampian, Scotland's two ITV companies, are in preliminary talks that could lead to a merger, industry sources said last night.

A deal could create the first pan-Scottish Channel 3 company, and may spark another round of consolidation in the commercial television sector. Scottish Television said it had

no comment. Grampian Televi-sion did not return calls. The two largest shareholders of Scottish TV are Flextech, the cable TV programmer, and Mirror Group, publisher of the Daily Mirror, each with 20 per cent. Mirror Group also owns 46 per cent of the Independent.

According to a source familiar with the discussions, the talks are at a preliminary stage, and there has been no consensus reached on the form of any merger. Analysts speculated that an all-share deal could be the preferred option.

Grampian, with a market cap-italisation of £85m, controls just 0.7 per cent of the television market in the UK, while Scottish has about 25 per cent. Together, they would still tall well short of the 15 per cent ceiling on total television andience set by the new Broadcasting Bill. News of the talks will damp-

en speculation that a "celtic al-

chises, plus Ulster TV and HTV, the licence holder for Wales and the West, might be in the making. According to informed sources, HTV is not involved in the current discussions, a fact that could fuel expectations of a bid by Michael Green's Carlton, long believed to be the mostly likely suitor for HTV. Analysis also expect a bid by Granada for the 75 per cent of

Yorkshire-Tyne Tees it does not

already own. Granada and Carlton have so far held back, however, citing the high premiums. attached to leading TTV stocks.

An agreed deal between Grampian and Scottish could ig-nite the sector however. According to a senior broadcasting executive, "it has been clear for some time that Grampian on its own is not a viable entity, and some kind of merger is more or less inevitable".

The same is believed to be

Northern Ireland.

A merger of Scottish and Grampian could be a first step towards creating an integrated pan-Scottish media company, which could benefit commercially if Scotland is granted greater autonomy under a Labour government.

But a merger would face bar-riers, insiders warned. A group of local "highlands" investors

true of Ulster TV, the publicly-quoted franchise holder for of the shares, and is believed to be wary about any loss of independence. The Independent Television Commission, the TV watchdog, would also review any merger, and would insist on strong assurances that regional programming in the two licence areas is safeguarded. The rapid consolidation of the ITV sector has been a source of concern at the ITC, which has challenged

changes to regional scheduling in-

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subject of speculation since the Government indicated a loosening of ownership restrictions late last year. The two-licence limit is to be lifted, and replaced by the 15 per cent ceiling.

Leading executives believe the network must work together more effectively, to see off competition from a reinvigorated BBCI and the growth of cable and satellite services.

troduced by Yorkshire-Tyne Tees. The ITV sector has been the

Fears grow over Granada's M-way services monopoly

MATHEW HORSMAN and PATRICK TOOHER

Granada has yet to sign formal undertakings with the Office of Fair Trading on the forced sale of its 21 remaining Forte motorway services sites, provoking a sharp response from competitors who fear Granada's near-monopoly in the market could be extended into 1998. We've made our views

known to the [Department of Trade and Industry]," a rival op-erator said last night, Tim Ingram Hill, chairman of the 11-strong Road Chef services chain, the country's second largest, with just 16 per cent of trading volume, added: "The longer it takes, the better for Granada and the more they will benefit from the situation."

Granada promised to sell the Welcome Break husiness, which it inherited following its £3.9bn takeover of Forte, within 15 months of the deal going unconditional in January

However, the OFT said yesterday that until a formal undertaking is signed, "the clock will not begin ticking". The undertakings could be signed this week - a full five months after the Forte deal closed.

Granada insiders insisted last night that the company would still sell the sites by April next year, within the time frame originally agreed. But the lack of a formal agreement with the OFT has heightened resentent in the industry. Granada now controls 56 sites out of a total of 70 in Britain, or 80 per cent of the market.

"I don't think it's good for the industry that Granada is allowed to have such an extended time to deal with the disposal," Mr Ingram Hill said. "I'm surprised that it's been suggested that 15 months was ever an

acceptable time." Motorists can drive from the Channel ports to the Lake District and only encounter one service station not owned by Granada, The RAC recommends at least two stops on a journey of this distance. A similar situation exists on the M4 westbound from London.

Food and drink prices at Forte Welcome Break sites were increased by 3-5 per cent shortly after the hostile hid was declared unconditional earlier this year. The increases were part of a general repricing at Forte's Little Chef and Happy Eater sites and its hotel operations.

Granada already charges a hefty premium at its popular Burger King motorway outlets, which are operated on a franchise basis. According to an investigation by the Independent, prices for a Whopper Meal (a large beefburger, a portion of chips and a regular drink) can be as much as 35 per cent higher on the motorway than in the high street.

For instance, a meal in Baker Street, ceotral London, costs £3.05, while Granada's Cherwell



Under attack: Granada chief executive, Gerry Robinson

site on the M40 charges £4.88.

could save £4 by leaving the mo-torway and purchasing four Whopper meals at a nearby Burger King. The outlet in Banbury is just 10 mmutes dri-ve from the M40 Cherwell site, hut charges £3.88 per meal, £1 less. The savings are even greater along the M6, where a Granada Whopper Meal at Stafford costs £4.25, compared to just £3.19 in the high street

at Stoke-on-Trent.

Granada last night defended its pricing policy. "We do charge premium prices," Graham Wallace, chief executive, leisure and services, said. "But we invest significant money to build our sites, and must meet stringent conditions set by the Department of Transport oo the quality of the product and the environment. No other Burger King in the country has to meet our conditions on toilets, car parks and so on."

A Burger King spokeswoman said: "You pay a little more for the convenience. Franchisees are at liberty to charge what they see fit, according to market forces." Mr Wallace added that the

price differential between the motorway and the high street had remained relatively constant over the past year. Critics of Granada's domi-

nance point out that the lack of competition allows the market leader to establish and then defend sharply higher prices. bad Chei, which offers the Wimpey brand on its sites, charges a far smaller premium to high street prices, according to a survey by the Independent. Mr Wallace reiterated Grana-

da's promise to find a buyer for Welcome Break "within a finite period". He added: "It doesn't do anybody any good to rush a sale."



Stewart to steer Woolwich on revival course

NIC CICUTTI

Woolwich Building Society moved yesterday to regain the imitiative lost since the sudden departure of former chief executive Peter Robinson by announcing the appointment of its operations director Jim Stewart as his replacement.

The society said it still intended to proceed with its planned £3bn flotation next year and was hoping to conclude takeover talks with a mutual life insurer hefore then.

But Mr Stewart admitted that even if an agreement was reached, the full integration of a mutual insurer into Woolwich would probably have to wait until after de-mutualisation takes place next summer. Woolwich is also hoping that other buildng societies may be willing to talk to it about possible mergers in the near firtime. As a further sign that the so-

ciety is hoping to put the past three months turnoil behind it, Mr Stewart said he expected an announcement "within days" on the likely compensation package to be paid to Mr Robinson.
The former chief executive's payoff, which will come three

months after his ousting for alleged financial irregularities, is thought likely to include either a £165,000 immediate annual pension or a £370,000 tax-free ump sum plus £135,000 a year reduced pension. Mr Stewart's appointment fol-lows a three-mouth search for a

replacement. Several external

candidates, including Andrew iel executive at Cheltenham & Gloncester, are thought to have been interviewed. Sir Brian Jenkins, chairman at Woolwich, defended the society's use of headhunters to search for a candidate to replace

"We felt it imperative to mea-

our internal candidate against a field measured by an executive search," Sir Brian said.

He added that Mr Stewart had all the right qualities, including "vision, style, energy and integrity", to lead Woolwich into flotation and beyond. Mr Stewart, who has been with Woolwich since 1977, has in the past 10 years been re-sponsible for the society's di-

versificatioo programme. This includes setting up the



Jim Stewart: Tasked with regaining lost initiative

society's life and general insurance and unit trust subsidiaries. and managing its merger with Town & Country Building So-ciety in 1992.

He denied yesterday that his was purely a caretaker role until the Woolwich was taken over by a potential predator, such as the Prudential.

Mr Stewart said: "We are absolutely bang on target and have not lost a single day because of Peter Robinson's de parture. Business could not be going better, as we hope to make clear from our half-year figures next month.

Mr Stewart said that although they had received a number of phone calls from institutions suggesting merger or takeover sure the undoubted abilities of talks, none had been serious.

Davies claims City advantage in EMU Baker attacks colleagues

US police reopen inquiry on copper trader's death

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Hamanaka, the Sumitomo trad-

er at the centre of the scandal.

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home five years ago. A police inquiry at the time failed to de-

termine the exact cause of the

fire, which burned Mr Scully be-

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DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

London will suffer less than other European financial centres from the shrinkage of foreign ex-change trading under the single currency. So Howard Davies. Deputy Governor of the Bank speech to currency dealers in the City yesterday – though he suggested that there might never-

New York and MAGNUS GRIMOND

The Sumitomo copper scandal

took on a potentially more

gruesome turn yesterday after US police confirmed they were

reopening their investigation

into the death of a "whistleblower" in the case. The news

to say anything categorical about European Monetary Union. It was not clear who would qualify or who would choose to go ahead and join if of England, predicted in a they did meet the Maastricht

"I thought the EMU quali-

trading house denied that even-

tual losses from unauthorised

copper dealing could reach \$4bn (£2.6bn), but said it would

would appoint independent ac-

counting and legal experts to as-

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Police in Vermont announced

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the \$1.8bn loss.

theless be "openings in male until I read the rules on getting modelling for chaps in red through to the quarter finals of Euro 96. The organisers Mr Davies said it was difficult obviously hired the team who drafted the Maastricht Treaty he added, in a reference to the real burning issue at yesterday's annual currency dealers'

conference.

Slow growth was putting both France's and Germany's prospects for qualifying – for fying criteria were complex Emu, that is - in doubt, he said.

speech about England's prospects at Wembley tomorrow night, keen Manchester City fan Mr Davies said that 9 per cent of London's foreign ex-change turnover was trade between the German mark and other European currencies. Some of this would disappear under a single currency, even though volumes traded between

the euro and other currencies

Mr Scully had worked for the

trading firm DLT Inc, whose chairman, David Threlkeld, has

emerged as a putative hero in

the Sumitomo scandal. Mr Threlkeld has claimed that he

warned the London Metal Ex-

change in 1991 of his suspicions

that Mr Hamanaka was con-

In an aside from his keynote might make up some of the loss, peech about England's Paris and Frankfurt would stand to lose a greater proportion of their business, at 24 per cent and 12 per cent respectively. London's relative advantage might therefore increase.

If the UK stayed outside the single currency, only 4 per cent of the City's currency trading business would be at risk, but Paris would stand to lose 24 per cent and Frankfurt 11 per cent.

after he received memos from

Mr Scully pointing out several problems with trades executed

Separately, Sumitomo said

that, as well as appointing out-side experts to assist enquiries

into losses, it would start rotat-

ing traders every few years to

by Mr Hamanaka.

PETER RODGERS Ron Baker yesterday became

the first senior Barings executive to attack his colleagues in public when he accused Simon Jones and James Bax of covering up the fraudulent use of his name by Nick Leeson, to hide a £50m fraud.

He told the Commons Treasury Committee inquiry into Barings that his ability to discharge his responsibility was "greatly inhibited by what, under any reasonable interpretation of the known facts and events, was a cover-up, commencing around mid-January 1995."

Mr Baker, a director of Baring Brothers who took formal responsibility for Mr Leeson's department on 1 January 1995, prevent them acquiring too much six weeks before the crash, influence in a particular section. said he had inherited organi-

over Baring collapse sational chaos from the chief operating officer of Bar-previous management of the ing Securities Asia, and in my

operation. The cover-up related to a suspected £50m fraud at Baring Futures (Singapore) and culminated on 2 February 1995 with the "fraudulent use of my name and office, to obtain audit clearance from Coopers & Lybrand Singapore for a spurious transaction invented by Nick Leeson to cover his cash flow deficit in account 88888 at the year end 1994".

The account was a key tool name for this purpose "ap-pears to have been known about by Simon Jones, the about it at the time".

opinion, was also known about by James Bax".

He added: "If they now claim they did not know about the use of my name, then on what basis did they subsequently believe Coopers & Lybrand Singapore provided them with the audit clearance, for Baring Futures (Singapore), which they sought and obtained in London for Bar-

ings plc on 3 February 1995?" Had James Bax suspected this fraudulent authorisation of in Mr Leeson's fraud. Mr Bak- an apparently hone fide transer said the use of his own action to be genuine then he was certain he "would have, or should have, questioned me

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Stoppages would post a signal to end monopoly

The closer we get to another 24-hour postal strike, the louder becomes the chorus of those demanding the abolition of the Royal Mail's monopoly over letter deliveries. It is a clamour that has been encouraged by elements in the Government, but ministers would be wise to think loog and hard before taking such action.

Monopolies are dangerous things but in the case of the Royal Mail it is difficult to argue that its exclusive right to handle letters costing less than £1 to deliver has been abused in a way that has shortchanged the public. In the last 12 years the cost of posting a letter has fallen by more than 12% in

At the same time the Royal Mail has been shedding Posties at the rate of 5,000 a year even though the number of addresses they deliver to has risen by more than 10% and letter volumes are up by 15% to 17.5bn a year. It is tempting to assume that the Royal Mail's performance on prices and productivity would have been even more spectacular had it been exposed to the chill winds

But it would probably be wrong. The only way that private sector competitors are likely to be tempted to compete head-on with the Post Office is if the monopoly is abolished for good and they are relieved of the obligation to provide a universal service at a uniform price. The cherry picking that would result might be great news for volume

users of the postal system sending mountains of junk mail out from large urban centres. But for many others it would surely signal higher prices as the Royal Mail's ability to

cross subsidise rural deliveries vanished. The alternative would be for the Royal Mail to hold it prices and surrender profits, but this bolds few attractions either for a Government hungry to fund tax cuis. The Post Office contributes £300m a year to the public finances. It is ironic that those who are now agitating for the Royal Mail's state monopoly to be broken come from the same Conservative wing that scuppered its pri-

vatisation two years ago.

By a further irony, it is Michael Heseltine who so wanted to liberate the Post Office, that is the minister now so keen to see the monopoly ended. Anachronistic as it might be these days to see a national public service being held to ransom by striking work-ers and tempted as ministers might be to seek revenge, abolition of the Royal Mail's monopoly would be the wrong way to go. Legislation enacted on the hoof invariably turns out to be ill-judged. The Government

The power of monopoly is a wondrous thing. It is bad enough that postal workers are still able to hold the country to ran-

always been a monopoly. That is not true of motorway service stations where as a result of the takeover of Forte by Granada, a new acquiring the Welcome Breaks has allowed monopoly has been created, albeit a supposedly temporary one.

Granada was given fifteen months grace to dispose of the Welcome Break service stations acquired with Forte, but this was to run from the point at which satisfactory undertakings were negotiated with the Office of Fair Trading. Five months after the takeover, and these undertakings have still not beeo ageed. Granada plainly has no interest in haste, every interest in dragging its feet. In the meantime it enjoys the benefits of an 80 per cent market share.

Granada plainly has to be a little bit careful in the way it operates this monopoly. Overt abuse would be obvious and unacceptable, so there has been no integration of the chain into Granada, no attempt to Granaderise its ontlets by putting in Burger Kings or changing the logo. Prices have, on the nther hand, beeo increased, and since Granada's own outlets already charge a pre-mium, effective competition between the two chains has been reduced.

A whopper meal at Burger King costs as little as £3.05 in town, and as much as £4.88 at a Granada site on the road. Compare that to the cost of a Wimpey Quarter Pounder meal; £3.69 in town, £4.25 at a Road Chef som but at least it can be said in their defence on the motorway. The differential is just 56p that they know no better, the Post Office has on a Wimpey and a whopping great £1.83 on

a further crosion of competition on the

Driving up prices at the Welcome Breaks not only enhances the competitive position of existing Granada outlets, but it also by increasing the profitability of Welcome Break enhances the eventual disposal price. Once prices have been racheted up, they are rarely reduced. Granada is a great company led by a charming and wonderful man, but like most big businesses its ultimate ambition is to destroy the competition and exploit the remaining monopoly. This is probably not a bugely significant case of the condition, but it should be jumped on cone

A spectre hangs over the gastronomic ex-perience that awaits leaders of the Group of Seven industrial countries when they meet in Lyons later this week. It is that of the poor and hungry millions in third world countries whose debt payments to the rich countries, the IMF and the World Bank far exceed the amount they can ever hope to earn

from their own output and exports. Luckily, the French love grand gestures and this could come to the help of poorer countries. Presideot Chirac has made it known that he would like this G7 summit to

go down in history as the occasion when the west lifts the debt hurden from the shoulders of poorer brethren.

There is some hope for an agreement on these "Lyons terms", even if the gathered leaders face obstacles as they loosen their belts a notch or two after lunch. Two types of debt are at stake; that owed in the multilateral institutions like the IMF and World Bank, and that owed bilaterally to individual countries in the Paris Club. The World Bank has drawn up a plan that would reduce the debt owed to them and the IMF by about 19 countries which meet various economic performance criteria (no deht reduction for the unwortby). The plan would cost \$2 billion to \$4 billion, to be funded partly by the Bank and IMF, and partly by their shareholder governments.

However, the IMF has tied this debt relief

package to the renewal of its own special fund for aiding developing countries. The IMF is also demanding that multilateral debt relief should depend on further bilateral debt concessions by the Paris Club couotries. Some countries, including the UK, would go along with this. Others are apposed. Let it not be forgotteo, however, that good food and drink can be a mighty powerful influence. It may well be that the gastronumic cornucopia awaiting world leaders in Lyons will help President Chirac notch up an achievement greater than anything else the

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BTR offers little cheer to investors

TOM STEVENSON

BTR refused to rule out a widely feared cut in the interim payout in September yesterday, leaving analysts unimpressed by the conglomerate's attempt to restore confidence following a receot collapse in its share price.

Almost £3bn has been wiped from the value of BTR since the beginning of the year as investors worried about whether the group's faltering cashflow could sustain a rising capital expenditure requirement and a dividend which is covered less than 1.5 times by earnings per share. Kathy O'Donovan, the fi-

nance director, told a meeting of tnalysts yesterday that the dividend was a matter for the board, refusing to say whether wide of the mark. Even house broker BZW's expectation of a nents businesses. maintained payout for the first

One analyst said: "They played a very straight bat. With a yield of over 7 per cent the downside is now limited but there is also little upside. There are still questions about just

where profits are going."
BTR entertained City analysts over lunch at the Savoy yester-day in a traditional briefing before the company enters the close period which lasts from the end of the first half year period until results are announced in the autumn. During that period the company is precluded from providing brokers with financial

now stand at about £1.35bn, compared to £1.41bn before exceptionals last year. Forecast earnings per share of 22p are only 1p higher than those achieved in 1992.

BTR's meeting yesterday took on an added urgency after the dismal performance of the shares so far this year. At yesterday's close of 255p, they have under-performed the market by more than 25 per cent since January and by more than half since peaking at over 400p in 1993.

Ms O'Donovan told analysts there had been no change in trading since the new chief executive Ian Strachan warned shareholders on first half profits at the annual meeting in May. He blamed problems at the company's Taiwanese polymer chemicals recent forecasts of a cut were operations and at some sealing systems and automotive compo-

BTR has suffered from the half year would mark the first market's disenchantment with failure by BTR in recent years conglomerates in recent years. to provide shareholders with an The failure of Hanson to conof its proposed four-way demerger has soured sentiment still further this year.

Other worries are BTR soc cific, including a realisation that with the company's shares slid-ing below 258p, £220m of out-standing warrants are unlikely to-be converted, putting a big dent in cashflow calculations. Analysis expect a cash outflow this year, meaning the company will be unable to reduce gearing pushed over 100 per cent by the acquisition last year of a minority shareholding in BTR Nylex, the company's Australian arm. Investment column, page 16

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IN BRIEF

- Registrations for British Energy's sale closed yesterday with more than 1.5 millioo private investors notifying their interest with a share shop. The price range for the shares will be announced tomorrow along with the discount that small investors will be entitled to. The flotation is expected to raise about £1.5bn with the public offer at least twice subscribed.
- The Office of Fair Trading has extended its investigation into Scottish Power's £1.68bn bid for Southern Water by 15 days to 19 July. Advice from the water and electricity regulators Ian By-att and Stephen Littlechild was sent into the OFT last Friday, the day that Southern Water's directors recommended the offer to sharebolders. The bid is oot expected to be blocked since two earlier water-electricity mergers have already been approved.
- Net retail unit trust sales in May were £573m, up from £231m in the same month in 1995, but sharply lower than the record £1.1bn recorded in April, said the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds. Total gross unit trust retail sales in May were £1.2bn, slightly higher than the £1.06bo sold in the comparable month in 1995. Net PEP sales in May totalled £590m, up from £332m in 1995. Although higher than a year ago, net PEP sales last month fell short of the £1bn levels seen in March and April. last month fell short of the £1bn levels seen in March and April.
- Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, lan Lang, has decided not to refer the proposed acquisition by Balfour Beatty, part of BICC, of three British Railways infrastructure units to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.
- WPP, the advertising group, said trading in the first five months
 of the current year was ahead overall compared with the same period in 1995, with total revenues up 10 per cent and margins improving. Shareholders at the agm were also told that world-wide revenues were up by more than 10 per cent. Strongest per-formances have been in Latin America, Asia Pacific and the US.
- Morgan Stanley is buying Van Kampen American Capital for a maximum \$1.18bn (£763m), including debts. Van Kampen is the fourth largest non-proprietary mutual fund provider in the US with more than \$57bn in assets under management. The acisition will increase total assets under management at Morgan miley's asset management division to nearly \$160bn.
- Nabisco is sacking 4,200 staff, equal to 7.7 per cent of its workforce, as part of a plan to become more efficient. The move will result in pre-tax charges of \$509m (£330m). The maker of Oreo cookies and Ritz crackers said it will also sell or eliminate some minor products. Bloomberg.

Time for BTR to cut the payout

tenser affair than usual. The conglomerate was keen to reassure the collected brokers whose recommendations to clients over the past year or so have left them with considerable amounts of egg on face.

Since the shares peaked in the summer of 1993 at just over 400p, they have fallen by a half relative to the market. At 255p they stand more than a fifth lower than they did at the beginning of the year. Like Hanson before it, BTR has

fallen out of favour with a painful bump. Conversation focused on two main areas. First the dividend, which for the first time in thirty years has started to look in danger of being cut. No comment on that subject was the rather unsatisfactory result, suggesting that house hroker BZW's forecast of a same again payout of 14.7p, excluding any foreign income payment, was proba-hly fairly well informed.

SE 100's other disaster stories, Han-son, British Gas and P&O. That's a harsh measure of a company that for years has produced impressive growth in the payout, but not unreasonable given the remaining uncertainty that Iao Strachan will take the bull by the homs in September and actually trim a payout that in truth the company cannot really afford.

With dividend cover of less than 1.5. BTR is plainly paying too much of its hard pressed cashflow hack to shareholders at a time when capital expenditure demands, the second hig topic of conversation at lunch, are oo the increase.

With interests in so many fastchanging industrial fields around the world, BTR is having to spend very fast just to stand still in demanding markets such as automotive components where lack of investment is a sure fire

recipe for failure.
BTR's other cashflow problem stems from the unexpected collapse in the share price which has put £220m of warrants out of the money. The company would not admit as much but it was undoubtedly counting on the conversion of three tranches of warrants over the next three years, effectively a rolling rights issue, to fund its capital and dividend paying commitments. If the warrants are not converted the pressure can only increase on a disposal programme already running at a good lick.

BTR's biggest hope is to get itself reclassified as an engineering company so it can start to benefit from the premiums to the market rating enjoyed by companies such as Siehe, Smiths In-

BTR's traditional lunchtime briefing of analysts in the Savoy yesterday was a THE INVESTMENT COLUMN chemicals and adhesives and textile coatings, should be reversed in 1996/97.

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necessarily a panacea for shareholders and the outlook remains uninspiring.

BTP makes a killing on bugs

BTP continues to reap dividends from its acquisition three years ago of most of MTM, the speciality chemicals group that fell so spectacularly from grace in the early 1990s. Indeed, without MTM's Hardwicke plant in South Carolina and huoyant domand for the insecticide raw At that level, the shares yield over 7 per cent, right up there with the FT- from BTP would look a lot more pedestrian. Stripping out a £5.42m provision for the sale of the polymers business announced earlier this month, re-tax profits rose 19 per cent to 4.5m in the 12 months to March.

> The Nipa-Hardwicke insecticides business contributed to an exceptionally strong performance from the dominant hiocides and fine chemicals division.

dustries and TI. Until it does, BTR is likely to continue trading at a discount. As Hanson has shown, demerger is not ucts go into has been spurred by oew applications and their claim to greater

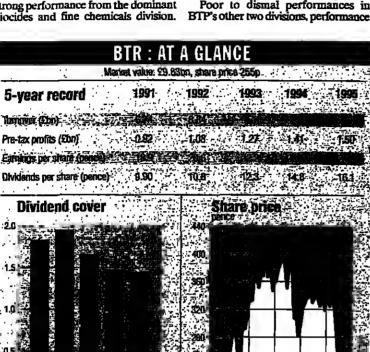
environmental friendliness.

BTP has spent \$20m (£13m) on
Hardwicke since acquisition and last year the plant absorbed over a third of BTP's £21m capital expenditure budget. After a 40 per cent rise in profits to £26.5m and with capacity flat out, the group's decision to spend at a similar level this year looks justified.

Shorn of its storage operations and now the polymers business, the re-named safety equipment division was the other star performer last year. Its world-leading position in supplying safety barnesses and the like to workers in areas as diverse as construction sites and oil rigs meant it was able to cash in on tighter safety legislation in the UK and the US, with operating profits jumping 26 per cent to £8.69m.
Further US legislation is expected to

boost sales this year, although it might not do well to rely on Congress to deal

with it spe			
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Both suffered badly from last year's wellpublicised surge in raw material costs, but prices have since fallen.

Gearing of 7 per cent means BTP is well placed to repeat its success with MTM and is keen to buy. Without a further big buy, profits of £52m this year would put the shares, up 16p at 294p, on a forward p/e of 14. Hold.

An eye-opener from Applied

Crack open the champagne, sing hal-lelujah - Applied Holographics has made a profit for the first time in its 12-year, stock market history. So much for City short-termism, the company's loyal band of shareholders deserve a medal for their patience and perse-

verance, especially those who stumped up for last year's £2.3m rights issue. Before the celebrations get out of hand, it should be recalled that there have been many false dawns. Holographic products have been developed before, only to be overtaken by technology or unable to find a market.

But recently Applied has got to grips with its cost base, steadily reducing op-erating expenses relative to sales, while shifting the focus of its business away from job-lot packaging and pro-motional work to higher-margin security holograms.

True, the swing from a £670,000 loss to a £180,000 profit in the year to March owed a lot to CFC AH, a US joint venture which enjoyed significant sales from the launch of Microsoft's Windows '95 software package.
There are high hopes for a joint ven-

ture with compact-disc maker Nimbus. The pair have developed three machines to put holograms on music CDs and computer CD-Roms and trial orders have been placed with Microsoft and Warner, the US entertainment giant.

Given all its tribulations, Applied has been a perennial takeover candidate. The latest rumour centred on security printer De La Rue, but Applied's chief executive David Tidmarsh says no approach was received.

Tax losses carried forward could be £15m, helping house broker Credit Lyonnais look for profits of £750,000 this year rising to £1m in 1997, implying a p/e ratio of 44 falling to 33. The shares at 126p, more than twice last year's low, suggest a great deal of the forecast recovery is already in the price. A 0.5p dividend could be paid out next, year but this is still highly speculative.

ANZ Grindlays gets that sinking feeling

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Everyone remembers the Cambridge Boat Race crew sinking beneath the waves in 1978. ANZ Grindlays suffered the same ignominy this weekend wheo they capsized in the first heat of the annual ECGD Dragon Boat Race. Observers speculate that it may have been because

ANZ's crew of 20 was beefier than most of the 15 City teams taking part. London's Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre, at Westferry Road,

was transformed into a scene from Hawaii-Five-O as teams of rowers from the Bank of England, Lloyds and NatWest Markets hattled it out in loog boats which originated in Hong Kong, complete with helms-

man and drummer. BZW won the title, while last year's victors Banque Indosuez came in joint fourth.

A former employee of Warburgs - which did not take part - sniffs: "Warburgs used to win the Dragon Boat races in Hong Kong, you know."

A female spokeswoman for an investment bank which will remain nameless, disagrees with the comparisons with Hawaii Five-O: "They haven't got the surf or the handsome men."

Worried abont getting downsized? Expect short shrift from the Inland

Picture the scene at the Institute of Chartered

counter is expounding on the virtues of self assessment for income tax. Because of self assessment the Inland Revenue will be able to cut 3,000 staff, he says. He adds that

Accountants annual confer-

ence in London (no, don't fall asleep): a leading hean

there will also be an impact ou staffing levels in accountancy firms. The Inland Revenue spokeswoman, Christina Smyth, pitches in: "It is the

Revenue's explicit aim of reducing jobs." The accountant then adds

helpfully, just to clarify matters: "No, I'm not talking about accountants having to cut jobs." But Ms Smyth corrects him: "No, that's what I mean."

A shadow falls over the

Management fads are bunk So says "top UK guru" Sumantra Ghoshal, professor of Strategic Leadership at the London Business School. "Too many companies in the UK are tired and weighed down by change overload. After rounds of rationalisation and restructuring, they have created an oppressive internal environment that saps their employees' initiative, cre-ativity and commitment. The critical challenge for managers is to create the right internal environment. If they do so, their people will deliver the profits." So forget downsizing and make your employees feel happy and secure. That'll be the day.

proceedings as hundreds of tax accountants try to remember whether they still have their cv oo the word

ng about on the river: 'Hawaii-Five-O' it was not

The Queen Mother has been presented with a fish fly (as used for trout fishing) made with the delicate hairs snipped from the testicles of RamRod, "a splendid Dorset Horn ram, who is the living trademark of

Young's Brewery". The 180-strong Young's puh chain and hrewery has aunched a £2.5m corporate image makeover, in which, according to a spokesman, the ram's manly equipment on Young's trademark has been painted hack in, after having heen airbrushed out for a oumber of years,

The Young's spokesman says: "The testicles have a oew pride of place, as the hair from them is very fine and prized by fly makers. "A fly maker asked for a

snip of hair from RamRod recently, and he made two tup-flys', ooe of which he presented to the Queen Mother, the other to us." I am oot making this up.

House of Fraser appoints director trio

NIGEL COPE

House of Fraser, the troubled department store group yesterday maoaging director who was is Stephen Hibbert, 49, who was completed its management ousted in March. They used to operations director at Texas reshuffle with the appointment of three new directors. The shake-up includes the departure er lines of responsibility, of Tony Hancock, the operations director, who is leaving to pursue "private interests".

Mr Hancock, who was on a one-year contract, will receive compensation of £150,000. Mr Rexas Homecare in April. Two of Hancock joined House of Frasthet three new directors are for-

as a "shadow" to Andrew Jennings, House of Fraser's former perform many of the same func- Homecare before its takeover by tions. It was felt we needed clear- Sainsbury's last year. He was company said.

Mr Hancock's departure is part of the "new hroom" approach of chief executive John Coleman, who only joined from

The oew operations director previously at the operations di-

rector at Burton. rectors are Ann Gordon and Roh Green. Ms Gordoo will look afcosmetics. She is currently trad-ing director at Littlewoods stores ter just four and a half months. price.

er four years ago and was seen mer colleagues of Mr Coleman but was previously at River Island when he was working at Burton. and Dorothy Perkins, which is

> gories of soft furnishings and will make more changes in lowelectrical goods. He has spent er management positions where the last eight years at Selfridges where he was responsible for the The two new merchandise di-store's buying of home categories. House of Fraser split its merchandise responsibilities in ter the buying of all clothing and two after Rebecca Sharp the pre-

Mr Coleman said the new team would put more focus on part of Burton.

Rob Green takes control of buying in the homewares catetriangle part of Burton.

driving up sales, restoring margins and rebuilding profits.

It is possible that Mr Coleman the reporting structure is

considered muddled. In April House of Fraser reported a 50 per cent slump in profits to £14m. The shares company at FF4.88bn (£630m). closed up 0.5p at 181p – which BNP failed to make any cootact is just 1p above the flotation | with Warburg by yesterday's

resistant strains, Zeneca said.

IN BRIEF

Warburg turns heat on French bid SBC Warburg turned up the statement saying it "is not and "include cootinuing to trade CIP

heat in the battle for control of French investment trust CIP yesterday when it extended its FF205 (£26) per share offer for the company until Wednesday,

The offer was made to the French bank BNP which vesterday rejected Warburg's initial offer to buy out its 84 per cent stake. The offer values the nooo deadline, hut issued a oever has been disposed" to sell its CIP shares. BNP made a lower offer to

the minority shareholders last week, worth FF186 per share. It is thought Warburg's extension of the offer may allow time for other minority shareholders to start complaining about the level of BNP's offer. Warburg insists that its offer

is serious and that it would happily take control of the company. If successful it would have several options which would

as a single cotity or breaking it up. CIP takes small stakes in quoted companies.

Warburg has a 3 per ceot stake. According to records filed nine months ago other minority shareholders include Scottish Value Trust, Paribas and a col lection of French institutions.

The battle for control has brought with it a clash of different banking cultures, pitting the comparative sleepy Paris bourse against the aggressive tactics of a City of London arbitrage department.

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M&S cheap loans step up brand battle

NIGEL COPE

Marks & Spencer made a further move into financial services yesterday when it announced plans to offer cheap loans to customers who hold an M&S chargecard.

The decision is the latest in a series of moves by large retailers which are using the strength of their brand names to offer other services. Though M&S denied its decision marks a riposte to rivals, it comes just vs after Sainsbury's launched a lovalty card which may be used to offer financial services. Earlier this month Tesco launched ClubCard Plus, a budget account with prefereo-

tial rates of interest. M&S said: "This is not a reaction to what the supermarkets are doing. We've had a charge card since 1985 and we now have 5 million members. Our research has shown that a lot of our customers would ap-preciate this kind of service." Called Premier Reserve, the cheme offers loans up to £3,000. Customers decide the amount of the loan and are given a cheque book with 10 cheques. When they need to top up their normal bank account. either for a large purchase or be-cause they have gone over-drawn, they write themselves a cheque from the loan account into their deposit account. M&S says it will save on the overdraft charges and appeal to people who normally avoid credit.

The interest rate will be 13.9 per cent APR for loans of £1,000 and over. For loans uncent. The rates will be in-creased after 1 October to 16.9 per cent and 17.9 per cent respectively.
Robert Snaife, retail analyst

at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull said it was all part of extending the power of the M&S brand name: "It's all part of exploiting their match-less goodwill and get people more bound up with them."

M&S already offers personal loans and outstanding balances now exceed £520m. These loans have been sold relatively discreetly through direct

The company launched its charge card in 1985, and then began offering personal loans and unit trusts in 1988. Last year it started selling PEPs and life assurance. Operating profits from financial services have been improving after a slow start. Last year they reached ££61.4m compared with £49m in 1995. More than 600,000 new charge card accounts were

also opened last year. M&S financial services have their own separate head office in Chester, the company has had to expand into a second building to accommodate the growth of the business. It expects to recruit an additional 300 staff. a quarter of M&S UK sales are made through its charge card.

Other retailers which have made the move into financial services include Budgens which launched a Visa credit card last year. Tesco may add further facilities to its ClubCard Plus scheme. Virgin has also launched a PEP and is now der £1,000 the rate is 14.9 per expanding into life assurance. (7)- Final

 Zeneca has received approval from the powerful US Food & Drug Administration for Merrem, its new antibiotic. The FDA is allowing the drug, a carbapenem antibiotic, to be used for serious infections resistant to other antibiotics. Analysts forecast that it could generate sales of around £200m in three to five years, up from £9m in 1995, when it received approval in the UK. The US market for antibiotics is worth around \$5.3bn (£3.4bn) annually and infectious diseases are estimated to kill roughly 17 million people a year world-wide, with concern growing about antibiotic-

 Alizyme, a biotechnology group developing treatments for obe-sity and diarrhoea, plans to raise £15m from a flotation on the Alternative Investment Market. The group, which was only formed last year in the Cambridge Science Park, is expected to be valued at between £20m and £30m after listing. It has acquired rights or options on drug development candidates from Peptide Therapeutics, Oxford Molecular, BTG and Strathclyde University and aims to attack a market for obesity affecting 120 million people globally.

 Allied Domecq said sales of Carlsberg lager had increased by up to 69 per cent in pubs it controlled during the second week of the Euro 96 football tournament. Tom Wright, the Carlsberg-Tetley director, said ou past market testing experience it was fair to draw a comparison between Allied's 70 controlled outlets spread throughout the UK and trends across all pubs offering Carisberg products. Allied Domeco, which owns half of Carisberg-Tetley, in-vested a substantial part of its £20m "Carisberg Master Plan" marketing effort in the joint sponsorship of the Euro 96 championship.

 Unigate has paid £18m for the pork processing business of H
Hargrave of Spalding in Lincolnshire. The acquisition will add sales
of £93.5m to Unigate's Malton division, the UK's leading pigmeat processor, which has built annual turnover to more than £550m.

 Friendly Hotels has appointed Tony Potter as its new chief executive. Previously he was a director and senior vice-president for Europe of Hilton International. Henry Edwards steps down as Friendly Hotels chief executive, but remains chairman.

 Monument Oil & Gas unveiled capital reconstruction proposals involving the payment of 7.5p a share in cash to shareholders.
 The move is to coincide with the start-up of production from the Liverpool Bay oil and gas fields.

COMPANY RESULTS						
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Cambridge Water (F)	15.7m (15.1m)	5.14m (5.38m)	25.4\$p (22.87p)	8.80p (B.11p)		
James Lutham (F)	97.6m (80,1m)	1.40m (1.86m)	21.5p (27.4p)	6.25p (6p)		
Quality Core Homes (I)	10.3m (7.92m)	24m (2.3m)	14.13p (12.85p)	1.815p (1.65p)		
Photobilion Group (F)	16.9m (12.0m)	29m (1.82m)	18.7p (15p)	6.5p (-)		
Applied Helegraphics (F)	8.08m (6.37m)	0.18m (-0.67m)	0.71p (-3.08p)	n# (·)		
BTP (F)	392m (347m)	37.6m (37.3m)	15.07p (18.11p)	11. 20 p (10.71p		
John Lusty (F)	15.7m (14.8m)	0.55m (0.45m)	0.28p (0.42p)	0.1p (-)		
Salatant (F)	31.4m (26.7m)	2.27m (2.09m)	5.9p (5.43p)	n# (-)		
Terapylas (F)	3.70m (2.90m)	0.14m (0.14m)	0.81p (1.59p)	0.4p (-)		
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In this launch edition, The Independent takes an analytical view of Stephen Donrell's Health Policies and what impact they will have on the NHS. It also follows the lives of out of town G.P.'s who have been drafted in to cope with the increasing demands of inner city health services. In addition, a weekly feature will profile prominent members within the health service with The Independent's Health Section seeking, to cover individuals who are at the very heart of this increasingly embattled institution. This week profiles Ray Rowden, the Director of the High Security Psychiatric Commissioning Board.

For all the latest news and appointments in the Health Sector turn to

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The shine quickly came off Sun have been this was never go-Life and Provincial when the ing to be a rocketship but that insurance group's shares re-these were shares to tuck away turned to the stock market af-ter a five-year absence for the long term."

Even so Sun Life produced

In early trading they touched 243p in their when issued form. It was a solid if unspectacular advance from the 235p flotation price. But demand in the after market was barren and by the close the price had relapsed to 232p. Sun Life disappeared when

Liberty Life of South Africa and UAP of France gained control. Last year UAP took over Liberty's interest. The French giant retains a controlling interest following

The flotation price was in the middle of the forecast range, netting UAP around £526m.

The low key response did not worry Sun Life. Said a spokesman: "This comes as no surprise. All the comments

Electronics

rewarding business for a mar-ket almost starved of action. Seag put volume at 41.7 million making the shares easily the most actively traded.

The rest of the market drift-

ed aimlessly in the summer sunshine with no hint of any determined investment interest filtering through the general air of lethargy.
With many institutions

seemingly content with their portfolios there appears to be little incentive for the round of late adjustments which often occur as a quarter comes to an Said one trader: "So far

there has been very little window dressing and unless the market moves sharply there is unlikely to be." The FT-SE 100 index slipped 11.5 points to



MARKET REPORT

Sun Life shines out in a dull investment climate

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

3,710.8, provoking worries about its ability to hold above 3,700 in the dull investment climate. Turnover was just below 600 million shares which means the market is perilously close to sliding into the red. Among blue chips British Aerospace rose 14p to a 990p peak on hopes of defence con-

many before them, an uninspining debut. Next lost 7p to 585p. Orange 6p to 237.5p and United News & Media 3p to 719p. British Biotech endured an-

tracts but the three Footsie

newcomers suffered the fate of

million agency cross at 1,045p. other uncomfortable session, losing 108p to 2,400p Panmure Gordon is suggesting a switch

into Chiroscience, off 16p to 453p. Celsis International added op to 122p following institutional meetings.

Another newcomer, Sinclair Montrose Healthcare, made the expected healthy start, closing at 167p against a

140p placing price. The company has a computerised staff bank from which NHS trusts draw doctor and mursing cover. Amersham International was another healthcare group in demand. The shares gained 21p to 1,018p, inspired by a one

BTR's analyst meeting left the shares a shade lower at to 64p. 255p with the 95/96 warrants slipping 0.5p to 8p.

On the media pitch Mirror of bid talk held at 91p although Group slipped 4p to 209p as two delayed trades created interest. There was speculation profit forecasts; Columbus. the travel publisher, edged ahead 2p to 21p. Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television continued to enjoy hid speculation, putting on 10p to 1,148p.

Tullow Oil added 3.5p to 89.5p as it duly rolled out a £30.3m rights issue at 80p a

share. The ratio is one-for-five. Hambros, the merchant bank, gained 7p to 237p in brisk trading. Takeover talk is nev-er far from the group but the latest share run - up 11p in two days - is thought to owe more to its controlling stake in Ham-bro Countrywide, the estate agent which should be reaping rewards from the belated upturn in the housing market. Countrywide gained another 2p to 88p and John D Wood 4p

Union, the financial group which is also a regular subject of a Continental banking hid.

Joseph Lewis, the reclusive Bahamas-based investor, has a 16.27 per cent interest. The talk is he has agreed to sell to the predator. Deht stricken Eurotunnel managed a 2p advance to 107p as it edged allowly towards a

deal with its 225 banks. Current guess is the banks may swap around 50 per cent of the group's £8.8bn outstanding debt for equity. Some form of outline agreement may be produced at Thursday's shareholders meeting. Wace, the printer, reflected

worries about its accounting policies, falling 9p to 182p, a 12 month low. Cedardata, the computer

Share Price Data

group, firmed to 186p, Greig Middleton, the stockbroker, placed four million shares with institutions at 180p.

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FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour

TAKING STOCK

Westmount Energy, run by long-time offmen Richard El-dridge and Derek Williams, has acquired a slice of the ex-pected action around the Faikland Islands.

It is taking a 20 per cent in-terest in Desire Petroleum which has 20 per cent of a group which will be bidding in the forthcoming Falklands oil

licensing round.
Mr Williams, who ran Charterhall before it was taken over, ia becoming chairman and chief executive and lifting his stake to 16.13 per cent. The shares rose 5p to 31p.

Shares of Birse, the construction group once teeter-ing on the brink, rose 4.5p to 300

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Year's figures are due soon and they should show the first profit for five years. In the first six months profits were £340,000.

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Table talk turns to structural issue of unemployment

Tt is summer, so it must be the Linternational conference season. Last weekend it was the European summit in Florence; next it is Lyons, where this time it is the Group of Seven meeting for their next annual economic summit. These events are generally as political as they are economic, leading to sneers that their aim is more to let politicians strut their stuff, than to have any serious dis-

cussion about the world economy.

But the tone of these discussions has shifted during the last 10 to 15 years. It used to be principally about macro-economics: growth, inflation, currency movements, payments imbalances and the like Now, while they still talk about that, there is for obvious reasons much more about one structural issue, unemployment. This has dominated the last three summits, and even led to a special jobs summit last year. Expect, this weekend,

But there are surely two things missing here. One is an acknowledgement of the structural changes taking place between the developed world and what is still seen as the less developed world; the other, the structural changes taking place within developing countries, partly as a result of rapid economic growth outside

Thus the seven - the US, Japan, Germany, France, the UK, Italy and Canada - are conventionally seen as the world's largest economies, but in reality (according to an OECD study last year) China is already larger than Japan, and India larger than France. The balance will shift further, so (on IMF estimates this time) by 2004 the developing world as a whole will have a larger output than the developed

But at least this shift in power has



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now been generally recognised and discussed in a fairly orderly way, even if the institutional structure of the G7 has failed in keep up. There has, by contrast, been a much more chaotic debate about the structural changes taking place within developed conntries, with everything from competi-tion from mainland China, the downsizing of industry, youth unem-ployment and the absence of a feel-good factor all jumbled together.

The last three are obvious concerns of mainstream politicians, and competition from low-wage countries has been brought to public nutice by people like Ross Perot and Sir James Goldsmith to support their views on the need for trade barriers against the developing world. But much of the political focus has been very, well, politicised – something terrible is hap-

economy, but a thoughtful analysis of one of the most important: the impact of the new technologies of the last 15 years on the developed world, and the different impact this has had on the US, Japan and Germany.

The central point is that there has been a sharp fall in the cost of capital equipment during the last 15 years. This has been most dramatic in the case of computer kit where the price has fallen in absolute terms, but there have also been falls in real terms in machinery (see left-hand graph). Investment goods have also become much more capable, thanks largely to the incorporation of chips.

Meanwhile, labour has continued to cost more. This fall in the cost of capital vis-à-vis labour has encouraged companies everywhere to speed up the process of replacing people with

A labour shake-out in Germany has taken place much later than in the US

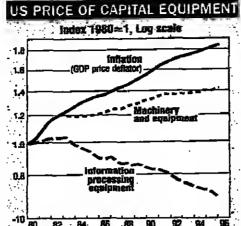
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much less effort seems to have been made in try and understand the

forces that are at work. Some new work by the Bank Credit Analyst Research Group, presented at a conference in Bermuda last month ought to be in the package of papers of all the G7 delegates. It is not a complete synthesis of all the structural forces at work in the world

pening and we've got to stop it - and machines. But the shift took place at different speeds in those three economies, happening first in the US because the dollar was seriously overvalued in the early 1980s and therefore the pressure on costs was greatest. there; next it happened in Japan for the rise of the yen did not really get under way until the middle 1980s; and it happened last in Germany, for the

mark was quite undervalued through



the 1980s and only began to climb

sharply after unification.
The result, BCA argues, is that the

shake-out of labour from manufac-

turing in Germany has taken place much later than in the US or even

Japan. It has further been impeded

ment share between manufacturing

and services (production and non-

production in the case of Germany) in the right-hand graphs, which show the early, steady shift taking place in the US; a slower but equally steady

shift in Japan, and not much change at all in Germany until the last two years when the shift of people out of

manufacturing has been moving very

What are the implications of this? BCA argues that the early and rapid

use US industry has made of these cheaper and better capital goods un-derpins the rating that Wall Street has

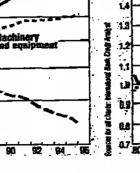
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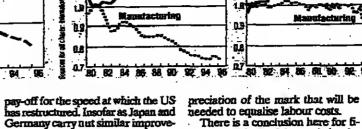
sustained US expansion it sees as the

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You can see the shift in employ-

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United States

ments to their industries, they too will benefit correspondingly.

Japan, it argues, is making the necessary changes, with the "jobs for life" culture eroding rapidly as companies

needed to equalise labour costs. There is a conclusion here for fi-

nancial markets: If the mark (or the Euro which takes over from it) becomes a weak currency, there is a risk of higher inflation and higher long-term interest rates. Indeed, BCA exmaintain investment and continue to pects German bond yields to move

that day. Cheaper capital equipment is producing waves of adjustment around the globe, and will continue to do so for the foresceable future."

Western Germany

Interesting idea, but is it right? It is very difficult, in the middle of what is clearly a seismic set of structural changes in the world economy, to give the correct weight to the various forces driving those changes. We will not fully understand what is happening until long after the event, maybe never. But common sense would suggest that all the array of technology that has gone into the fac-tories and offices of developed countries over the last 15 years must have had some impact, and seeing the advent of the micro-chip and the associated fall in the real cost of capital goods as prime movers is intuitively right. I don't think they will talk about this much in Lyons, but if political leaders want to understand why such giant changes are happening in the developed world, then they should.

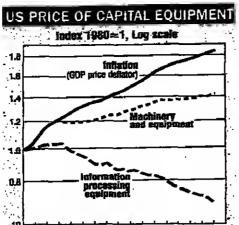
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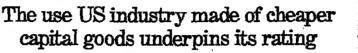
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timistic about the pace of change in Germany, arguing that what took the US 10 years might take Germany a

Since Germany has the highest labour costs in the world, these will have to be brought into line and the slower that the country upgrades its capital stock and cuts employment in

manufacturing, the greater the de-

the 1960s. There is also a conclusion for politicians. "The restructuring phe-

nomenon," BCA concludes, "is not a random event. Rather it is being driven by fundamentally positive mar-ket forces that are global in scope. It is not case ... of mean-spirited entrepreneurs waking up one morning and simply deciding to shed labour

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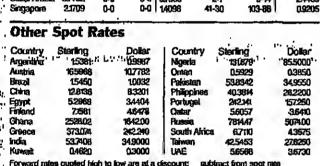
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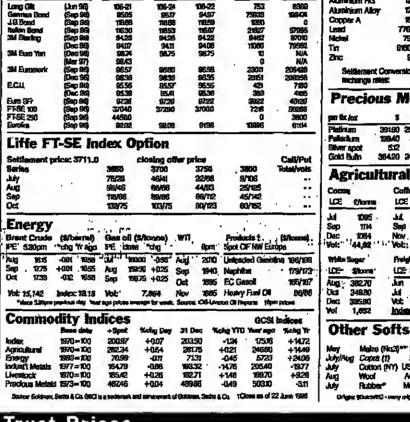
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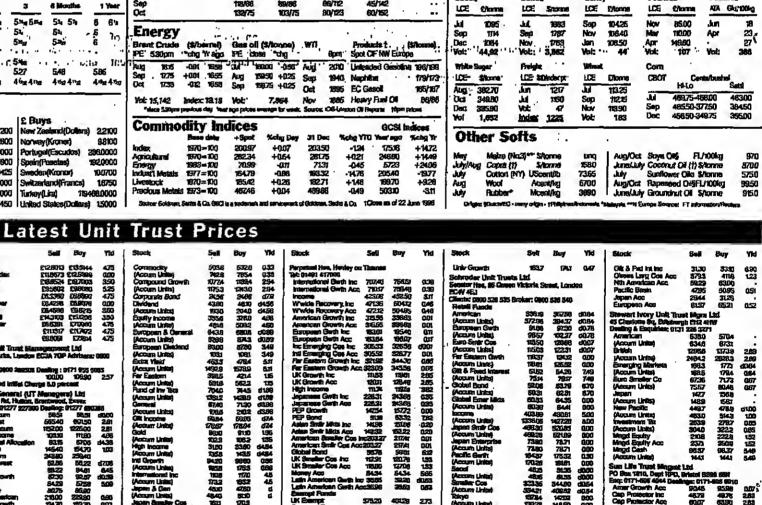


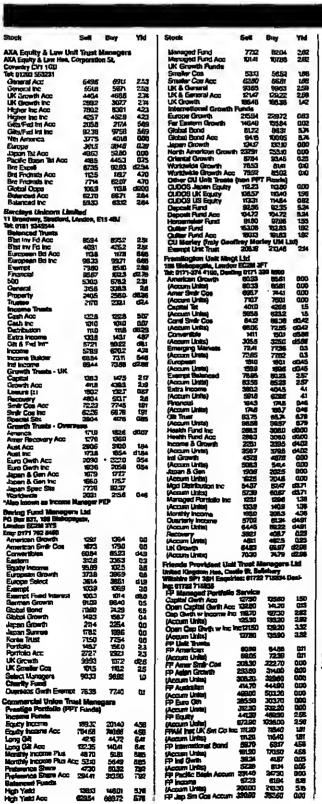


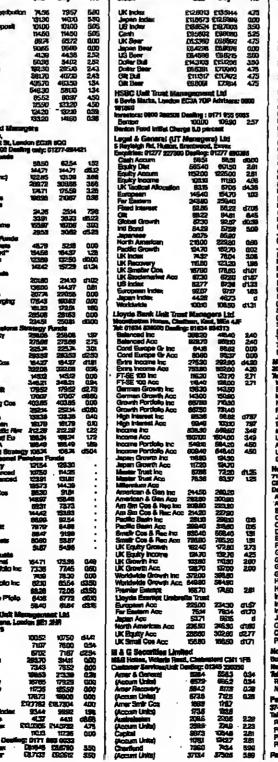
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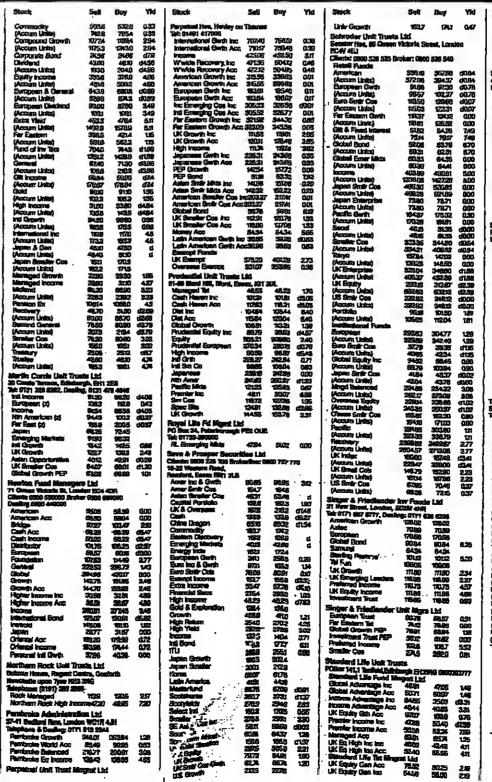
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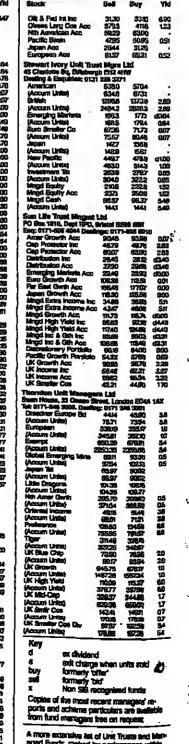


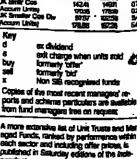


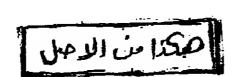












Shaamit to miss Irish re-match

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Irish Derby favourite Shaamit will miss Sunday's race after sustaining a foot injury in his stahle. Just 24 hours after giving the go-ahead for the Epsom Derby hero to be entered for the Curragh Classic at today's supplementary stage, the colt's desperately disappointed trainer William Haggas had to break the news that his star was lame.

"He shifted the shoe on his foot which made it sore," Hag-gas said yesterday: "We found it at evening stables on Sunday night, and we took the shoe off

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and applied a poultice. He was almost right again by the evening and will probably be sound again by Wednesday. But you can't go into a race like this one at half-cock."

The cause of the mishap is a mystery, hut prolonged dry weather can affect horses' hooves (the horny walls of which comprise around 25 per cent water) making them dry out and become a less solid fixture for horse-shoe nails. Shaamit's sire Mtoto had a long history of problems with his shelly feeL

Haggas recalled: "Yeast did exactly the same thing with a shoe in the winner's enclosure after he won at Ascot but he was lucky enough for a nail not to touch the tender part of his foot. those unfortunate things but it is only a short-term setback."

The trainer, trying to salvage a bright side, added: "I suppose it is better that it happened when it did, as we have saved ourselves the £60,000 supplementary fee. But it's Sod's Law. I spent most of Sunday telling everyone how well he was and now I have to turn round and say this." Shaamit, owned by Khalifa

Dasmal, will now be prepared either for the Eclipse Stakes, a step back to 10 furlongs, in 10 days time, or the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at the end of July Haggas said: "I would like to win a Group One race with him over the shorter distance, but we will play it by ear, depending on how long it takes him to get over his foot problem."

Ladbrokes, the first to bet on the Irish Derby, have promoted Derby runner-up Dushyantor to favouritism at 6-4, with the one-time Derby favourite Dr Massini, who missed Epsom hecause of a minor injury, 2-1 and fifth-placed Alhaarth 9-2.

Peter Chapple-Hyam had been in two minds about running his French Derby runnerup Polaris Flight, an 8-1 shot, but two factors - the miury to Shaamit and the fact that the colt was sold for a large sum to s Saudi prince over the weekend - mean he will take his chance.

The Irish have won their local Derby only once in the past 10 years (with St Jovite in 1992) and the home side's defence looks weak again this year, with Rainbow Blues, second in the 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh, With Shaamit it was just one of the first in the betting at 20-1.

Backdrop a Plate dish Royal Ascot last week, races off

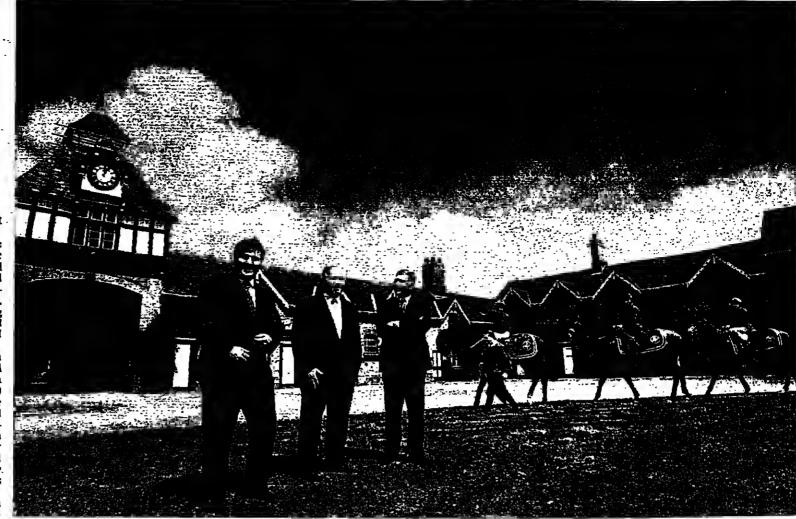
Backdrop stands out among the 16 horses left in Saturday's Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate at Newcastle, writes Ian Davies.

trained three-year-old, not given one of John Reid's better rides in the Queen's Vase at

urday's race, the weights for which were framed before his second place in the Italian Der-The Peter Chapple-Hyam by. He is rated 106 in all future William Hill offer 10-1 about

Backdrop. Snow Princess is the

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Robert Sangster flanked by Peter Chappie-Hyam (left) and casino operator David Boden at Manton vesterday

Sangster finds wheel of fortune

racing at Jebel Ali in Dubai.

Robert Sangster, one of racing's shrewdest operators, clinched the sport's most valuable sponsorship so far when he signed a £500,000 deal yesterday with Grosvenor Casinos. For the next three years - starting on Diamond Day at Ascot on 27 July the famous hine and green Sangster silks will carry the

logo of Britain's largest casino operators. It sounds like a gambling marriage made in heaven, and both parties expressed themselves content after taking their vows at Manton, the historic Wiltshire headquarters of Sangster's Swettenham Stud operation. "I reckon I spend £5

million a year running my op-eration worldwide and, while sponsorship is not absolutely necessary to carry on, with prize money in this country returning only 26 per cent this will certainly help.

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Sue Montgomery reports on a sponsorship deal reached between a casino chain and a powerful racehorse owner

niversary of the British Horseracing Board's innovative Sponsorship Framework for Racehorse Owners, pushing the amount raised to more than £5m. Sangsier, a member of

Grosvenor's flagship London club, the Clermont, for more than 30 years, has been out hus-tling for a backer from the moment it was permitted, approaching several companies including Cartier, Piaget and Courage. We came close once, but Grosvenor Casinos gelled immediately. It's an ideal linkup," he said Racing and casinos have the

same aura of money and glamour, and many of the same patrons. The four London-based Grosvenor gambling clubs have an overseas membership of "Pittingly, the deal was an nearly three-quarters, of which

Emirates nationals, and the members, said: "We wanted to group has already sponsored be associated with events and

David Boden, Grosvenor's managing director, is delighted our casino customers to follow. that some of the Turf's mystique is to be dispensed in his clients' We don't just want to use John direction. For his investment he Reid [Manton's main jockey] as an advertising hoarding, we will, most essentially in an industry (though one undergoing deregulation) where advertising want to be involved more than is illegal, get his company's name and maroon-and-gold livery prominently displayed on racecourses and television.

But there will be further involvement through the naming of 10 of next year's two-yearolds with the Grosvenor prefix, a monthly Manton bulletin and, in the future, sponsorship of

Boden, whose company has 32 casinos in England and Wales, employing 3,200 staff, and with more than one million

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Ascot. nice to run one in the King personalities over a long period of time, because this then creates a sequence of events for

"We did approach Newcastle United, but we decided we wanted to be involved with the best in sport, not the second

Sangster currently has 65 horses in training, 62 of them with Peter Chapple-Hyam at Manton, two with Barry Hills and one with Lynda Ramsden. The newly-sponsored horses include Saturday's Ascot winner Astor Place, a St Leger prospect, and the first Grosvenor Casinos runner may be a ride for Chapple-Hyam's wife Jane in the ladies' race at Sangster said: "It would be

George, but I won't do it just for the sake of it." He added, gallantly: "I have had 97 individual Group One winners so far, I look forward to bringing up the 100 for the new sponsors." Court Of Hooour, who missed Royal Ascot because of

an injured tendon, is unlikely to be the one, as he is being prepared for a tilt at the Melbourne Cup in November and the deal does not cover Australia.

The colt's campaign will be geared towards the great handicap, where he may be joined by another Manton-trained Italian Derby runner-up, Backdrop. Chapple-Hyam said: "Court of Honour could go to Germany in July, or the Irish St Leger. But whatever happens, he will go to Melbourne. He is the ideal type of horse for thal race."

pacity as the Keighley coach. John Bentley, the Holifax winger, has had a late call-up

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The other significant selections are the retention of Shaun

who missed the French game through injury, at loose forward. That means that Farrell will become England's youngest ever captain, albeit two weeks

older than he would have been. England's substitutes will be named today, along with a Welsh side that can be expected to defeod its European title with vigour. Both the wingers who played against France, Gerald Cordle and Anthony Sullivan,

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move up from the First Division into the Super League next season, even though they are unlikely to win promotion. They have submitted a formal application to be admitted to the top flight, which will be considered at a meeting of the council of clubs on Wednesday week - the same day that South Wales's attempt to be fasttracked from the Second Division into the Super League will be put to the vote.

Workington Town are giving a trial to Abraham Fatnowna, the former Brisbane Broncos full-back. He will play for their alliance side on Saturday at Sheffield, and Workington hope to have a work permit in place in time for him to play in the Super League relegation match with Paris a week later.

TODAY'S FIXTURES TENNIS: Wimbledon Championships (A England club).

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Thomson Jones is set to retire

The Newmarket trainer Harry Thomson Jones is retiring at the end of this Flat season. The decision ends an illustrious career both over jumps and oo the level. Jones notched over 1,800 viclories of which those with Frenchman's Cove, Chorus and Tingle Creek over obstacles and Athen's Wood, Touching Wood and Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Al Bahathri, stand out, RESULTS

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CSF: £24,65. Trio: £78.80. 3.45: 1. RUNGE SYMBOL (J Quart) 10-1; 2. Zahran 16-1; 3. Augustan 12-1. 15 ran. Hd. shi-hd. (M Blanshard, Upper Lamboum). Tota: £10.00; £2.90, £4.50, £3.50. DF:

£31.80. CSF; £159.07. Tricast; £1,819.38. 4.15: Dead-host 1. BOOJUM (M Hills) 13-8 fav & 1. GROOM'S GORDON (Pat Eddeny 7-4; 3. Impulsif 13-2. 8 ran. Dd-hr. Vz. 19 Hills, J Dunkop, Lambourn, Arundel). Tetas Groom's Gordon £1.90. Boojum £1.40; Groom's Gordon £2.30, Boojum £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: Groom's Gordon, Boojum £2.87,

Mam. Grown's Gordon £2.80. 4.45; 1. CHEERY CHAPPY (G Duffield) 3-1 fav. 2. Rambold 10-1; 3. Martinosky 10-1; 4. Rotherfield Park 9-1, 19 rec. 2, 4, (D Chapman, York). Total £5,60; £1,60, £4.70, £2.20, £2.40, DF; £114.10, CSF; £37.95, Tricast; £287.18, Tric: £529.50. Jackpot: £3,550.00.

Placepot: £47,70. Quadpot: £31,50. Place 6: £185,77. Place 5: £53,42.

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YARMOUTH HYPERION 2.15 Influence Pedler 4.15 Naseem Alsaha 2.45 Hal Hoo Yaroom 5.15 Last Chance

GOUNG: Firm (watering). STALLS: Straight course - far skie; rest - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Fligh for 5f to 1m. Left-hand course, level and fair. Rececourse is north of town on Al 49. Yarmouth railway station one mile away. ADMIS-SION: Club 512; Tartersalla 58.50; Family and course enclosure \$4.50. CAR PARK: \$1.

ELRADING TRAINERS WITH EUROPERS: El Thomson Joses — 20 wingers from 80 rangers gives a success ratio of 25.9% and a loss to a \$1 level state of \$44.16; H Cocil — 17 winners, 80 runners, 21.9%, —530.52; C Brittain — 17 winners, 145 runners, 11.9%, +\$13.74; B Hills — 13 winners, 40 runners, 32.5%, +\$35.04.

ELRADING JOCKETS: R Hills — 30 winners, 130 rides, 22.1%, +\$44.00; N Eoberts — 20 winners, 140 rides, 19.9%, +\$61.01; L Dettori — 26 winners, 132 rides, 19.7%, 544.21; M Hills — 26 winners, 142 rides, 18.3%, +\$8.67.

BLENERED FIRST TIME: Nesseen Alsahur [4.16], Supercharmer (5.15), Glowing Boots (visored, 2.16), Fervent Fun (visored, 4.45).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Durvery Bussell (4.45) wonat Thirst on Tuesday and at Newmarks, on Friday.

day and at Newmarks on Friday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNWERS: Feart Assolversary (2.15) has been sent 218 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, North Yorkshire; Flying Flowers (4.15) & Pelham (5.15) have been sent 208 miles by R Hannon from East Everleigh, Willshire.

2.15 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 1m 6f 17yds Penalty Value £3,179

O-06521. ALIVARIQA (12) (CD) (Hamden Al Mejepurd R Armstrong 9 7.

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D-2033 SOLDIER MAIA (13) (R A Lond A Rate 9 5.

D-0453 SHIP'S DANCER (12) (Main Helena De Chart) I Dunkop 9 10.

GG142 MFLIENCE PEDLER (20) (D) (C E Babell C Bolton B 9.

610412 PENILL AMENUERSANY (17) (S Mrs A Morbard M Johnston 9 8.

D-046 GLOWING REEDS (17) (The Glowing Reach Partnership) C Allan 8 2.

B floctared — Pat Eddery 18 B Doyle 3

BETTING: 5-2 Almorqu, 11-4 Ship's Dencer, 3-1 Induscos Podier, 5-1 Solder Meis, 6-1 Paeri Acniversory, 20-1 Glowing Reeds 1995: Nenton Point 3 7 9 J Quan 20-1 (Lady Hemics) 9 nm FORM CUIDE

Soldier Melc promises to stay this distance after a creditable than to Adenoc Mist at Sendown (1m 3f) and could pose a real threat to recent course rivels SHPS DANCER and Alexans. Alwarps won the race here a fortnight ago, but Ship's Dancer lost har place on the home turn before staying on in third, John Durido has decided to take on Alwarps again with the 4th pull and Ship's Denoer may pull it off this time with the birriers again sized. Influence Pedier was a game winner from Flocheck (defeated Alwarps Born rest time) at Doncester last month, but didn't do much at Nottingform afterwards and was bestern seven lengths by the Copyforce at Folkestone last time. Peed Anothersamy has gained both of its victories on Wolverhampton's Fibresand surface and his lest turn run was in a selling contact at Hamilton.

2.45 TOTE CREDIT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 8f 17yds Penalty Value £3,629

FORM GUIDE

For a colt who has a win over Prize Charg, Villegigiatura looks on a good handcap merk. He's actually 13.b lower arroe the start of the season and the first-time billhers had fittle chance to work with the soft ground against him at Haystock 17 days ago. MONUTI can also be excused his latest defeat, the cat suffering interference in the sarty stages at Kompton. Molutt, a mile winner at Carlisle beforehend, should relish today's try and, being a son of Green Desert, he should also like this tast ground. Classic Ballet, who started the season with a decert fourth to Dombey at Kempton, is a pound lower today despite a win here 12 days ago. It ween't a strong roce, but this looks her trip after that mile win and she gets the vector. Soveraligh Page, a good fifth to Sandmoor Chembrys if York lest time, looks her for Than Apolitoka, who has changed stables since winning bytes for Rog Akahurat last season.

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FOREN GLIND:

HALL HOO YAROOM has been rested since a bad run in the Ripon handicep won by Nebhaan in April. The stable has just hinted of a revival recently with a nouple of winness and the son of Belmez is given the chance to fulfill some of the potential shown on his juvenite debut in Silver Prey's size of Newbury. Socialist livery is from a fine staying family with Tarian Preported his dam. He haven't shown much in two purs over ten furioring, but this looks more his thy. Anchor Verstove had looked the type to ven a rice headings ofter early promise, but he haven't as yet chicked. There was a veid excess at Thirak (struck into) but he couldn't leagu up the gallop in a poor maiden on Equitack ten days ago when fourth to Mighty Prentom. Bold Classic has shown Bulls, though the soft ground at Chessiow last time may not

3.15 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m 2f 21yds Penalty Value £4,386

43-50.5 SOVERBON PAGE (USA) (10) (CD) (No. Bim. Hambury 8 Hambury 7 9 1 000-200 APOLLONO (CB) (UK Rugges & Mrs. A.R. Rugges) J. Formshein 4 9 9 433-510 MCMUT (CD) (MP) (Beron 8 von Ulmern) B. Vienge 4 9 T 14-050 VILLISEBLUTURA (CD) (Revision A. Maistourin 9 Hills 3 9 13 2433-51 (ARSSIC ANLLE) (FR) (CD) (CROSS CHOROCK PC) R Hama 3 8 4 241650 SEA 8000 (ST) (McCorn Him) M Chapter 5 7 10 6 6 declared - 6 decl

1995: Senoma Dinero 3 9 5 D Histerat 9-4 (M R Stoute) 7 ran

3.45 TOTE PLACEPOT SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 270 Sf 43yds Penalty Value £2,427 RETURNS 7-4 Brothist 9-4 Econos Brusse, 11-4 Ross For Us. 4-1 Natural

PORM CLADE JEGOIST has had two poor runs loowing a fairly depent debut effort (besten five largers by Young Bugwig on sond) and he need show only a medicum of improvement to colect. Netertiti was gambled on (8-1 to 7-2) on her debut but she showed nothing on Southwelts sand and it was the same story in a better roce rest time. She now has a crack on but, The other pair are trained by Chris Dwyer. Emisses Breage has been beeten in two sellors – the latest when beeten rune langits when fifth to sh to Mick Charmon's Irish Fiction and Ram feet like her also her paid to make the most of the first material debut on the best to the best to the first material debut on the best to the best to the first material debut on the best to the For Us has also been held in selfers since a fairly everage debut run in fourth to Enchanti-

4.15 TOTE PLACE ONLY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YD fillies 1m 3yds Penalty Value £4,083 3YO Fillies 1m 3yds Penalty Value £4,093

1 2-30 ASHRA (ISN) [17] (87) Pierrork Stud Lody Pertis 9 11 D Herrison 4

2 0 EBHT RANNED (ISN) [20] 0'69 Soline R Perbury 9 11 D Stack (3) 2

3 0 ELISSOWNIE (13) (7 & Morent M Jens 9 11 P Bloomfeld 10

4 6D FLYNG FLOWERS (248) Pierr R Pierrord R Herror B 11 P Bloomfeld 10

5 4003 HEPP (13) (0 Staff C Britan 9 11 B Doyle 8

6 23-32 HALM (26) (87) (708) Alamegly H Thorson Jones 9 11 R Hills 7

7 2-03 HASEHA ALAMAR (40) (Stella Amand A Nationari Metps W R Hern 8 11 L T Syndes 8 8

9 25-353 (MARRA (USA) (13) (7 Hroposi) H Cecl 9 11 Pel Eddery 1

9 342 (ROYA) JACE (25) (9 1 Deer) a Hills 9 11 M Hills 5

10 SQLAME MALE MESS (Prescri) P Howing 8 11 D (gabe 9 10)

- III declared
BETTONE 5-4 Royal Jade, 5-1 Nateona Alcaheas, 6-1 Omera, 7-1 Authra, 8-1 Beaf Rahmed, Helm, 12 Flying Flowers, 14-1 Heyry, 16 Biossowylle, 33-1 Square Mile Miles

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ROYAL JADE has a worning look on her second to Fericially over seven furlangs here a fortright aga. Bessin a length and a half, that was an improvement on her fifth to Ta Rib at
Newmarket (live lengths behind number up Faselbuy) and today's motion looks assert, if there
is a problem, it could well be the extra furlang with Royal Jade having the sprinter impertal
Jade as her down. Owners was two lengths behind Royal Jade in the Fasefully note after rurs
over six and five furlangs and the feeling is she can be beaten again. Beat Railwand is a
docum each-way shot efter shoping as though the trip would suit when fount to Davk Donal
at Porticipact (89). She started over a mile or Kempton to the trip at Porticipact was a surprise. Huthe was caught out by newborner Magic Caroustel in a slowly run affer at Carliste
bot time. Her previous Chester form against Aurity Jane and Charlotte Cortaey gives her a
charget. But she down a face in the manner. pres. Hitten was caught out by hewcomer magic Larousen in a sawly run price of commercial but think. Her previous Chester from Besinst Aunty Jane and Charlotte Coding (gives her a chance), but she does seem to lock some toe. Aether can win it on her Juvenile second to Bright Water here, but she's down in disance after two ton-harlong runs this seeson and she was tried in binness less time. Plying Flowers finished nine lengths betind Hulm third to Jespain) at Lingfield when both raced on the opposite side of the course to the principals. She has her first run of the sesson and could be considered on her debut such to Project 4.45 TOTE TRIO HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 7f Pennity Value £2,988

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2	30350-0	SPANISH STREPPER (USA) (12) Dony Setchell M Chapman 5 9 10
3	401200	ROCKGRACKER (3Q) (P E Avort) G Margarson 4 9 10 P Bloomfield :
4	4-01411	DARGET BUSSELL (4) (D) (W / Gradia) 9 HBs 4 9 10 (Oad D Smith (5)
5	D6-444	DUBAL COXLEGE (33) JA Maca) C Britain 3 9 9B Doyle 5
Б	1D0-000	FERVENT FAN (15) Major W R Paton-Smath) M Bell 3 9 13M Fenton 9 1
7		AKKY (IA) (D) (R J Thomas) T J Naustron 9 9 6
В	546000	SCORPIUS (129 KD) Diles C Clement) T Clement 5 9 4
9	403-060	BNLPARE (13) Gales J Callaghari) N Callaghan 3 B 3
		- 9 declared -
Æ	TING: 54	Descry Bussell, 7-2 Nachast, 6-1 Abjey, 7-1 Dubal College, 10-1 Bulgare, Rockarache
		s, Fervout Pag., 16-1 Spenists Stripper
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FORM GUIDE

Ahjay is not without a chance ofter facing a mammoth task from a terrible draw at Salisbury lest time. He has changed stables since his disqualifaction (tailed dope test) after beeting Agon over the course and distance test October, but he certainly goes well for today's partner Machael Roberts, DARCCEY BUSSELL is a worthy favourite at the weights and has improved since her seven-length tourin to Ahjay in October. She appeals as being good enough to oversome the drop in the atter her mile wins and she's only a pound higher for last week's Newmarker, win from 1.5 mals. The 5th peneity was mourred when Darccy Bussell gained a lest-gesp win from Cachimere Lady at Thirs, is not her fourth of Notingham beforehand looks better with the winner Golden Pond winning at Ascot on Saturdey. This is Nashawat's trip end her in ingo of heart effer seconds to Legal tissue at Donesster and to Murray's Mazda in a ledies' race at Thirst. Fervent Fax gets an 1.11b pull with Dercey Bussel on Nottingham running, but she has a lot of ground to make up and needs the first-time visor to work. The drop in thy may help Debail College, who was in front at this distance when fourth to Winston of Nottingham (1.1h) last time. Balisare hung to the left on the fast ground here last time when unplaced to See-Deer over six furlongs. She won on better ground at Epsom as a juventile and today's ears furlong may not make that much difference, while Reclearacker may also fall to improve for the longer one. 5.15 TOTE JACKPOT STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added 2YO 6F Penalty Value £4,794

Past Eddery 2

1. SMART BOY (35) (HRH Suitan Ahmed Shah) P Cote 9 0 ______ C Retire 3

4. LAST CHARGE (LI) E and 9 Productors (Treative List) G Lives 9 11 _____ Paul Eddery 1

03 SLPERCHARGER (10) (The Despaying Company) Lented (C Brigan 9 11 ____ E Doyle 4 8

— 4 declared ING: 6-4 Smart Boy, 5-2 Last Chance, 11-4 Pelham, 4-1 Supercharges

FORM SUIDE

LAST CHANCE slopped home on the feet ground to win a little race at Beth 10 days ago and the four-length third, Victory Dancer, boosted the form with a win at Lingfield on Saturday right, His Epsom debut run obviously brought him on end Last Chence can follow up in this tricky finate. Smert Boy is not one of Paul Cole's stars, but he still managed a debut win at Lingfield (easy in the market) when coming last to best Tough Leader. The form of the race is perty grint, but he's likely to improve, Both winner Pathwain had his limitations exposed by For Old Thies Sake on the same course and he faced an even stiffer less less time when fourth to Proud Native at Epsom. Superchartmer came off a straight him when third to Racy holdsheades Magic Blue at Lencester 10 days ago after being in a strong race at Sandown on his debut. He could easily do better for this afternoon's bilinkers being applied.

Selections LAST CHANCE

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HYPERION 2.30 Serenus 3.00 Vickys Double 3.30 U-No-Harry (nb) 4.00 QUIET ARCH (nap) 4.30 Again Together 5.00 Lady Sabina

GOING: Turf - Firm [watering); All-weather - standard.

STALLS: Turf - straight course - standardie; [m 1f - inside;]m

3f 106yds - omastie; All-weather - outside.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: Righ 5f to 7f 140yd on turf.

Left-hand, sharp undulating course.

Course is south-east of town on ECCS. Lingfield station (served lines). Verenta) adiatas course. ADMISSION: Members 513, Tai-London, Victoris) adjoins course. ADMISSEON: Merabers 513, 7 salls 58; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARE: Clob 53; remainder free.

ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Prime Continue (4.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: U-No-Harry (3.30) won at Think on Tuesday; Eager To Please (3.00) won at Wolverlamp-

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Give Me A Ring (4.00) has been

LUNG-DESTANCES EUROCERS: GIVE size A RORE (4-00) rest been sent 370 miles by C Thorston from Middlehtm, North Yorkshire; Eager To Please (3.00) & Standown (3.70) sent 358 miles by J Berry from Cockerbam, Lancashire; Four Of Spades (4.00) sent 198 miles by P II Evans from Leighton, Ponys.

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O ENGA'S RISK (III R WHERE 8 8 ... 5 VECKYS DOUBLE (S) J Marcin 8 5.....

0601 BASER TO PLEASE (3) (D) J Berry 93_

BETTING: 11-8 Pager To Please, 2-1 Velys Double, 3-1 Ensur's Field,

2.30 KELLY ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f

- 7 doctored -BETTING: 8-4 Set Adrift, 9-4 Serents, 7-2 Polar Champ, 9-1 Chamic Lower 10-1 St Adele, 12-1 Typhock Lef, 26-1 Soldier's Song

3.00 CROWHURST SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 270 6f

3.30 DEC-FAX HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 6F 521-2 130RDIS (49) (D) P Malon 9 7 0-10516 STANDOWN (1D) (D) J Berry 95_

4.00 HENRY STREETER LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m (AW)

(CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m (AW)

1. 5-21/34 WARTH BEACH (S) (D) G L Moon 5 9 7 ... Whitworth 12

50-0050 CAPTAIN'S DAY (4) T MBs 4 9 5 ... Mark Lynch 9

3. 432234 FOUR (I' SPACES (S)(2) PD Bern 5 9 5 Armsofth Sandras (5) 8 V

4. 40000- HONG KONG ORLAR (201) B Pearto 4 9 5 ... S Sandras 3

5. C21/200 INDIAN SEREMADE (12) (20) 1 Hnd 5 9 5 ... S Sandras 3

6. O9-0500 SOTOBOY (25) P Hams 4 9 5 ... S Sandras 3

7. 25-0054 PRIMA COMBASA (25) S Wooth 4 9 2 ... D Biggs 4 B

8. D00040 SMODGERS (11) May K Barrys 5 9 2 ... G Carber 11

9. D0041 QUET ARCK (20) (20) C Oyer 3 B 11 ... T Quinn 8

10. 045-54 GIVE ME A RANG (13) C Thornton 3 8 9 ... Dean McKenten 1

11. 506-050 PRILISTAR (15) (15) C Thornton 3 8 9 ... Dean McKenten 1

12. 005-440 SHADW (18) (19) 8 Has 3 8 8 ... JA Fallon 2

- 12 declared
SETTIME: 5-2 Quiot Arch, 3-1 Four Of Species, 4-1 Give He A Ring, 5-1

Welfold Beach, 10-1 Prices Combines, Schoboy, Shedy Girl, 12-1 others

4.30 KNIGHT FRANK HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO filles 1m 3f 106yds _T Quina 4 Patiente 1 ...A Clark 3 036-350 ARCADY (14) P Waleyn 9 9 _____ 20-2604 AGAIN TOGETHER (5) G L Moore 7 13.....

- 5 decisred -BETTING: 11-10 White See, 7-2 Dear Life, 4-1 Again Yogether, 11-2 Ar

•	Į	5.00	VENNER SHIPLEY APPRENTICE HANDK (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 2f
	1	1-42254	ALMUHTARAM (96) (C) Gay Yelloway 4 9 10Mortin Dwyer
	2	6-60340	DORARY THESE (13) R Hotigs B 9 9 Amenda Sende
	3	335523	WHITE PLANS (18) M Bell 3 9 2R Mofeet
	4	520-000	SHELANA (22) 1 Mas 3 9 9
	5	200644	LADY SABBAN (20) (D)(BIP) W Museon 6 7 13J Willdoson I
	6		9096Y BLUE (77) T Hard 5 7 12
	7	00/00-01	CHEFTAIN'S CROWN (12) (D) K George 5 7 11 P Doe (9)
	В	431000	THORSEWAMA (43) (CD) J Bridger 5 7 10 R Belaland (7)
	9	102506	REAL MADRED (12) (CD) G Emph 5 7 10 G Admission
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earns **England** call-up Rugby League

McAvoy

DAVE HADFIELD

Nathan McAvoy, Salford's 19-year-old centre, wins his first senior cap tomorrow when England meet Wales in Cardiff with the European Championship at stake. McAvoy, a beautifully bal-

anced giant of 6ft 5in, gets his chance because Paul Newlove is ruled out with a chest infection. He has already made his mark in junior internationals, including the Great Britain Academy's victory over France earlier this month. "I got a hint then that I might be considered, but it has

come a lot quicker than I ex-

pected," McAvov said. "It has taken me aback a tittle but I can handle it. Phil Larder, the England coach, said: "Nathan has been playing well all season. We have been really impressed with

him and he is an exciting, talented player. Steve Blakeley, McAvoy's team-mate at Salford, loses his place after playing in the victory over France at Gateshead two veeks ago. Larder has opted for

his talisman, Daryl Powell. With Featherstone's Steve Molloy also included, in place of the injured Karl Harrison, there are three representatives from outside the Super League, reflecting Larder's familiarity with the First Division in his ca-

after Martin Offiah failed a fitness test on a bruised toe, despite being named in the 5ide yesterday morning.

Edwards at scrum-half, ahead of Bohbie Goulding, and the reinstatement of Andrew Parrell,

are regarded as doubtful. Scott Gibbs has not been able to prove his fitness after a shoulder injury by playing for SI Helens, but the arrival of Allan Bateman from Australia has given the Welsh coach, Clive Griffiths, a highly-experienced reinforcement in the centres. ENGLAND (v Weles, Cardiff Arms Park, to-morrow): Prescott (St Helens); Robinson (Wigan), Melevoy (Satlord), Connolly (Wigan),

Huddersfield are hoping to

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Chelsea import France's Leboeuf

ANDREW MARTIN

Ruud Gullit made his second foray into Europe on Chelsea's behalf vesterday when the new player-manger brought the French centre-half, Franck Leboeuf, to Stamford Bridge from Strasbourg for £2.5m.

The balding 28-year-old defender has signed a fouryear deal with the London club and is Gullit's second major capture since he took over from Glenn Hoddle last month.

Gullit, who recently persuaded his former Sampdoria Gianluca Vialli to join him at Chelsea, heard that he had won the race to sign Leboeuf when the club's managing director, Colin Hutchinson, and the coach, Graham Rix, were given permission to complete the deal at France's Euro 96

Gullit, meanwhile, learned

wait an extra 24 hours before beginning his managerial career in earnest. The dictates of Sky Sports' coverage of the Premiership means Chelsea's first match of the season, against Southampton at The Dell, will be before the satellite channel's cameras on Sunday, 18 August.

Leeds United are hoping to sign Charltoo Athletic's highlyrated Lee Bowyer. The 19-yearold midfielder has attracted the attention of several Premiership clubs, with Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday having of-fered around £2.5m. Bowyer, however, appears to be heading colleague and Juventus striker to Elland Road after the play-Gianluca Vialli to join him at er and his father met the Leeds manager, Howard Wilkinson, at

the weekend. The move is now up to the boy," Wilkinson said. "He obviously wants to be sure that whatever move he makes is the right one and it's a case now of waiting for his decision. Wilkinson sees Bowyer as a long-term replacement for Garv Speed, who moved to Evertoo last week in a £3.5m deal.

Bolton have underlined their determination to regain a Premiership place at the first attempt by announcing a £2.25m double-signing. The Danish midfield pair of Michael Jo-hansen and Per Frandsen have agreed terms to move from FC Copenhagen.

Johansen, aged 23, is a Danish Under-21 player who cap-tained the club last season. Frandsen, 25, has played in the full Danish international side and spent three seasons with the French dub, Lille. The deals represent Bolton's

first move into the transfer market following their relega-tion to the First Division. They have money to spend following the £3.5m sale of the defender Alan Stuhbs to Celtic.

Birmingham City's £1m bid for Blackburn's Mike Newell is being held up by the striker's wage demands.



Michael Johnson erupts from the blocks to break the 17-year-old 200m world record Photograph: Allsport world record of 12.91.

Johnson rides time's arrow to Atlanta

Athletics

Michael Johnson reflected on his achievement of breaking Pietro Mennea's 17-year-old world 200 metres record and predicted the new mark might

only last a few days.

The 28-year-old Texas finished in 19.66sec at the US
Olympic trials in Atlanta on Sunday night, surpassing the liaban's 19.72 set at altitude in Mexico City on 12 September, 1979. Jeff Williams finished second in 20.03 and the 1992 Olympic champion, Michael Marsh, was third in 20.04.

Johnson said: "We've got three of the best runners in the world right here. So it's going to be tough again in another month at the Olympics. Whenever you've got tough competition, I think the world record could go down even further. I feel like I'm

capable of running 19.5."

Alien Johnson equalled the second fastest 110m hurdles ever at the trials. His time of 12.92sec was one-hundredth of a second off Colin Jackson's

Minor days a major appeal of the game



Henry Blofeld recalls the parson, the flashing blade and a brush with cricket's big time as a Norfolk part-timer 31 years ago

of May to play Hampshire in the first round of the Gillette Cup, the original limited-over com-Today they retrace their steps in the first round of this year's NatWest trophy.

In that first encounter I was lucky enough to be chosen to open the batting for a Norfolk side captained by none other than WJ (Ball) Edrich of Compton and Edrich fame. When WJ retired from Middlesex, he returned to the county he had started with before the war and captained us until well into his fifties.

In those far off days, a game against a first-class county was awarded to the top five in the hampionship. Nowadays most minor countries get their chance and their instant demise is an all too familiar occurrence. In 1965, it was new and breathtakingly exciting for the lucky few.

There we were, a group of part-timers, heading for a glimpse of the big-time. Our captain, whose optimism usually defied all - or most - known log-ic, was convinced that we could win. I am not sure that he did

We were more than just a motley crew. Terry Allcock, who kept wicket, also played at wing-half for Norwich City when the Third Division South side reached the semi-final of the 1959 FA Cup and lost to

Luton in a replay.

David Pilch, who used to bat and bowl the seam with equal distinction, was a direct descendant, of Fuller Pilch of Norfolk and Kent in the 1840s. Claude Rutter, our other opening batsmen, was a parson and the most formidable operator in the pulpit.
It would be stretching the

truth to say that the County Ground at Southampton was full. The toss was conducted in some style by WJ and Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, now the presdent-elect of MCC, while we shivered in our boots at the prospect of Roy Marshall's flashing hlade - he toured with the West Indies in 1950 - and Derek iackleton, whose subtle medium pace offerings had been so successful against the West Indies in 1963, to say nothing of the

tearaway pace of Butch White. Hampshire woo the toss and batted and WJ assured us it was the best possible toss to lose. We took up our positions in the field; I found myself at backward short leg to Roy Marshall, and whenever our opening bowlers pitched short, which was not infrequently, the ball hummed over my head like a wasp in mid-season form.

We did our best and none of 1965, Norfolk went to southampton at the start greedy; they all got some and a few rather more than that. Even so, 295 for 7 in 60 overs did not daunt our gallant captain in the least. "We can win this," he assured us. And Ian Mercer and I set forth to do battle with Shack" and Butch White and Bob Cottam, another who was to have his chance with England

It was Mercer and not Rutter who came in with me, because the gallant vicar had met with an accident in the field which must be unique in cricket. A tall man in rimless glasses, he was fielding in the covers and came striding in to try and prevent a quick single. At the critical moment he slipped and fell, hitting the ground and somehow managing to dislocate his jaw, which for a while made him a spent force in the pulpit.

When rain stopped play after tea "Manny" Mercer and 1 had put on 50 in 17 overs and as far WJ was concerned the match was as good as won. As I came off I even got a "well played" from Len Hutton, the man of the match adjudicator. It was heady stuff. Cricket on Sundays was strictly taboo in those days and so we all trooped off to the New Forest and took part in a Sunday benefit match for, I think, Butch White. Having a rest day at 50 for no wicket, even though we were chasing 296, made us all feel about eight feet tall and here we were in the New Forest on first-name terms with chaps who had played Test cricket.

Sad to say, reality soon took over on the Monday. Manny and I returned to the crease with our confidence now a trifle suspect. We took our opening stand, much too slowly, to 87 when Inglehy-Mackenzie played hisç trump card. He brought in the

left-arm spinner Peter Sainsbury.

It is oo compliment to Peter to say that we viewed his arrival at the bowling crease with enthusiasm. I was immediately stumped by a yard and a half and in the space of 13 overs
Sainsbury took 7 for 30 and we Sainsbury took 7 for 30 and we lost by I48 runs. I remember WJ saying that he thought we had beco unlucky. In truth, we had bowled far too many bad balls: they had bowled very few.

At the prize-giving, Gordon Ross, the former editor of the Cricket Monthly, who had tak-eo over the adjudicator from Hutton, mentioned my 60. With an addition to his 7 for 30, Sainsbury had made a small matter of 76 and he won the award. But I hope it means as much to minor county cricketers today lo take part as it did for us that weekend in Southampton 31 years ago. And I hope, too, that

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Cornish grit to the fore

Most of Cornwall's part-time cricketers are understandably apprehensive at taking on Warwickshire in today's NatWest Trophy first round - but captain Godfrey Furse is more afraid of what might happen afterwards. As he looked forward to the St Austell clash, on cricket's

round day, 35-year-old Furse re-called the horrific aftermath of last year's tie against Middleser. Following the 104-run defeat, also at St Austell, Furse, an out-door caterer, returned to the ground with his girlfriend to pick up his hot dog van. "While I was there I thought I'd have a cup of

equivalent of FA Cup third

tea," Furse said. "But as soon as I lit the match, the trailer blew upl We were both badly burned - I suffered 25 per cent burns and needed skin grafts. I spent the next four weeks in hospital. Some people were writing me off, but

I always thought I'd play again."
A full house of 5,000 is expected today, and the holders may just struggle with a crop of njuries. Captain Dermot Reeve (hip) will have a late fitness test but Warwickshire are definitewithout Nick Knight (broken finger), Tim Munton (back) and wicketkeeper Keith Piper, who has a chipped bone in his right hand.

Cornwall also have problems as two players with county experience - the former Essex and Worcestershire batsman Adam Seymour and ex-Durham allrounder Mark Briers - will be missing due to injury.

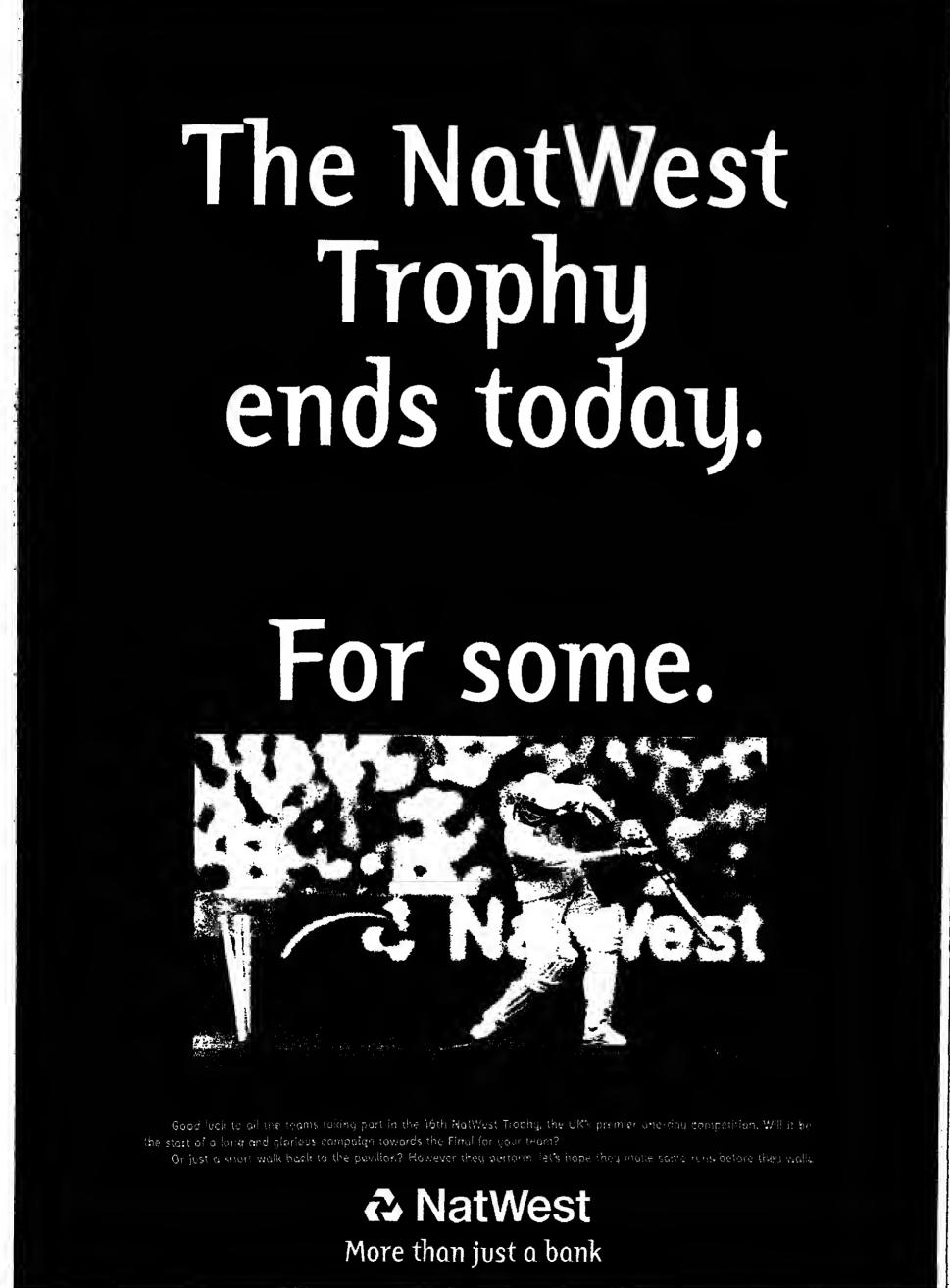
Other romantic ties are at March, Carlisle, Sleaford, Aston Rowant and Stone, where minor counties host first-class oppositioo in what are sure to be festival atmospheres.

Sussex travel to Belfast to Annual meet Ireland, while the Netherlands visit The Oval to play Surrey. There is also a northern battle between Durham and ; Scotland at Chester-le-Street

Devon, who are led by the former Somerset captain, Peter Roebuck, and have won the Minor Counties Championship for the last two years, take on Essex



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Germany is in third place in the league of Nobel Prize-winning

countries, behind the United States and the UK

England indebted to Russell

reports from Lord's England 344 and 278-9 dec Match drawn

As expected England saved this match, but it took a combination of grit and good for-tune to do so. Needing to bat at least until tea to make the game safe, England found themselves going to lunch in a precarious state with six wickets down and a lead of just 85 runs. In the end, it took a seveoth-wicket stand worth 60 runs between Jack Russell and Ronnie Irani to defuse the situation and preserve England's 1-0 lead in the series.

Once again, England had cause to be indebted to Russell, and yesterday's 38 - which took up 198 valuable minutes - was almost as valuable as the 124 he made in the first innings. In all Russell has batted for nine and a half hours in this match and no one will have ackowledged the importance of that more than his captain. It was Russell, remember, who kept Atherton company for 276 minutes during his own great rearguard actioo in Johannesburg last

It is not often, however, that a man who scores a hundred in the first innings of a Test match and saves his side from defeat in the second will be forgotten before the week is out but, if England's footballers beat Germany oo Wednesday, Russell will be that man.

One player who will oot forget the experience, though, is Ronnie Irani, whose 41 contained a heady mixture of aggressive and streaky strokes. The Essex batsman may be brimming with self-belief, but his book at Srinath's first ball

back on the boundary, was foolhardy in the extreme

Unlike he had done with Peter Martin in the first innings, Russell did not interject with a bollocking. Instead, he al-lowed his siege mentality to be absorbed by the younger man, who, despite being dropped by Vikram Rathore at second slip, visibly tightened his game. And only an inside-edge - off a ball that did not bounce - denied him a deserved maiden It is not often that the last day

of a drawn Test match proves the most riveting and it took several early wickets to tweak the tension. Alec Stewart had added only one run to his overnight score before Javagal Srinath forced him to insideedge the ball oo to his stumps.

With Graham Thorpe following to a spiteful delivery from Anil Kumble that bounced viciously from out of the rough, India were suddenly favourites, despite a bowling attack already hampered by Venkatesh Prasad's bandaged

But if the tall Karnatakan soldiered gamely on, it was his partner Srinath who was the bowler of the match. Together they make a formidable pair and both are tall strapping lads with beautifully high actions and equally hig hearts. With a history littered with the greats of spin, they represent the new face of Indian bowling, and they comfortably out-bowled England over the last five days.

However the home team, who have never enjoyed much success at Lord's, will claim they got the wrong end of the pitch twice; having batted first when the ball seamed and darted about under heavy cloud; as well as last, when the bounce



Farewell gesture: Dickie Bird signals Jack Russell's dismissal, his final act as a Test umpire, at Lord's yesterday

patient occupation of the India may well have squared this

was at its most mistrustful. Had India been required to make 200 in their second innings, they too would probably With India's morale in tat-

ters after Edgbaston, many believed England would be sealing the series here, rather than prolonging it. Cricket though rejuvenates as quickly as it ravages, and India, far from being the leaderless and dejected team of a fortnight ago, have been lifted beyond recognition.

It is a transformation that owes almost everything to the two debutants, Sauray Ganguly and Rahul Dravid, who both showed what can be achieved

crease. They, in league with the constantly impressive opening bowlers, have ensured that India will travel to Trent Bridge in far better heart than they arrived here.

Not so England, who will

have several questions to ask before the team next meets in Nottingham. The first of these ought to be why their seam bowlers are less effective, and although the excuse that India batted when the Lord's pitch was at its best holds some credence, none hit the pitch or seam as hard or from as high as Srinath and Prasad, Had India selected the equally tall Salil Ankola instead of Paras Mham-

rounds Graeme Hick, dismissed in single figures for the second time in the match, Unlike Stewart, Lord's is not his Shangri La, and he averages a measly 26 at To be fair, there is little he

could have done to avoid the corker Prasad bowled him, except perhaps to miss it, as the ball bounced steeply off a good length. Nevertheless, Hick has not played with distinction since his hundred in the first Test at Pretoria. In 10 innings he has scored just 167 runs at an average of 20.8, and like his captain, looks low on both

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Irani's extended stay hints at problems ahead

HENRY BLOFELD

Ronnie Irani held up the Indians for 138 minutes on the last afternoon and played an important part, therefore, in helping England get away with a draw. Yet ironically, as he went into the pavilion after dragging Paras Mhambrey into his stumps, there remains a nagging

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question mark about his future as an England player. He is unquestionably a bats-

man who can bowl rather than a genuine Test class all-rounder. His bowling gives the captain another option at this level but the fact that England played four seamers in addition to Irani puts his bowling into a truer perspective. The question mark hangs

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

over his batting. In the first Test he played a most engaging and attractive innings of 34 which contained seven fours - all lovely firm strokes. For a time he took the pressure off Nasser Hussain and in the context of that match and the Edgbaston pitch it was an admirable little innings which made a significant contribution to Eng-

After being bowled round his that of the numbers on the egs in the first imnings at Lord's, he came into bat in the second in a situation which required an entirely different approach from that at Edgbaston, which is of course his instinctive way of playing. Now, at Lord's, after England had lost those three wickets hefore lunch, the progress of the hands on the

scoreboard.

For all that, Irani was not really able to contain himself. He still went for his strokes, looking to get oo to the front foot when he could. In doing so he was suiting the Indians, for he was always giving the bowlers a chance, although as it happened he got away with it for more than two hours.

His strokes were not always as tightly controlled as they should have been in this situation, and it was also most noticeable how strongly his hottom hand comes into play. Too often the right hand took control, which meant that he was playing across the line of the ball, and at this level batsmen

cannot afford to do that.

He is not at his best against

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spin and yet in the second innings he did not play Anil Kumble's leg breaks and googlies all that badly, and he had obviously thought about it. Irani is an exciting natural cricketer; if he is to consolidate his place in the England side he must think still more about his batting and learn to become more adaptable - to tailor his batting to meet the require-ments of different situations.

Martin and Irani earn high praise

DAVID LLEWELLYN

England were singing the praises of the core of steel to be found in the side these days. No rearguard action would be complete without that most Glorious of Glosters, Jack Russell. There were another three hours worth yesterday, but other names were mentioned by coach David Lloyd. "Peter Martin was magnifi-

cent this morning." Lloyd said. "He stuck around. He played for England. And we are hap-py with Ronnie Irani. He has ust stepped right into the side and if you give him something to work for he responds." Whether Irani and Martin

would have been quite as happy with just 55 per cent of their match fee after all their hard work with the bat, courtesy of one of the biggest fines for a sin-gle Test and England's heaviest pecuniary penalty, is another matter. The players will feel the pinch after being hit by the match referee, Cammie Smith, for £1,300 each after falling seven overs behind the prescribed over rate. With five per overs and 10 per cent each for the next two, that amounted to a fine of 45 per cent of their £2,800 match fee.

By the sound of things they will get another chance to re-coup the loss when the squad for the third Test at Treot Bridge is announced, "We are not going to make wholesale changes, Lloyd said. "There are areas we will talk about, but we are looking for continuity and stability."

England's captain, Mike Atherton, reinforced that impression when he talked about the England attack. Although they could not take the wickets needed to force a victory, Atherton said: "I am very happy with the Dominic Cork-Chris Lewis opening attack and Alan Mullally impressed with pace and bounce. He has done excellently in his two games."

There was no meotioo of Martin's bowling, but that was probably an oversight. Atherton had the distraction of a NatWest tie to cootemplate today and a damaged right index finger. es, he said: "Unfortunately, no." The implication being he could have done without a firstround tie right after a hard Test.

No tears from him, but plen-ty more from Dickie Bird. The sponsors presented him with a special award, the crowd, the few who were left, saluted him, as Bird departed the international scene. The sun finally set on the umpire.

clock was more important than land's victory.

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Derbyshire move into contention

ROUND-UP

Dean Jones, the Derbyshire captain, reckons his side are becoming Championship contenders after moving up to third in the table with a 363-run win over Middlesex 28 minutes into the final morning yesterday. It sealed a hat-trick of first

class wins - all achieved without Dominic Cork - and Jones insisted: "The boys at the moment are focused on what they are doing. The teamwork and team spirit is pretty good and we are working on the three Ws-will, want and work. If you don't have those you don't get anywhere."

Sussex pulled off their third successive Championship win by overpowering Glamorgan by an innings and seven runs at Hove. The Weish county, resuming the final day on 122 for 3 and still needing 151 to make Sussex bat again, were dismissed for 266, 30 minutes after lunch, despite a battling 112 from their captain Matthew Maynard. Maynard struck 15 fours and

a six off 158 balls before being ted for two hours 40 minutes

when he skied the leg-spinner, Ian Salisbury, to deep midwicket. Salisbury got through 24 overs to finish with 2 for 49 and Jason Lewry followed up his six wickets in the first innings with

Durham's worst start to a first-elass seasor continoed with an eight-wicket defeat by Surrey at Stockton. Bottom of the Sunday League and next to bottom of the Chan pionship, Durham have not won a game in 19 starts against first-class opposition this season.

"We have had a desperate start," said John Morris, captain in the absence of Mike Roseberry, who has a hand injury. No one thought at the start

of the season that we would under-achieve so badly. We do all the right things in preparation and we know the ability is there, but our batting collapses just keep happening."
Warwickshire's vice-captain

Tim Munton, is consulting a specialist after another injury setback. The former England seamer suffered a back problem in the match against Kent on his eighth out at 256. He had bat- return from a six-week lay-off with a cracked wrist.

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Leicestershire waste no time

JDN CULLEY

reports from Bradford Leicestershire 681-7 dec Yorkshire 342 & 188 Leicestershire win by an innings and 151 runs

Having outplayed the erstwhile Championship leaders from the start, Leicestershire finished the joh quite ruthlessly on the old Park Avenue ground yesterday, wrapping up victory in a little over 70 minutes. They were so pleased they practically danced off the field in a back-slapping, high-fiving celebration.

Much of this joy exuded from

James Whitaker, under whose leadership they look more competitive, more motivated even than under Nigel Briers, who did not do a bad job himself. It was a particularly special moment for Whitaker, who was born a short journey from here, in Skiptoo.

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"The game against York-shire is always the one I look for first when the fixtures come out and to win here as we did is the proudest moment of my career in county cricket," he said. He cootributed substantially

to it himself with his 218, the most productive innings of his career, which aloogside Vince Wells' double hundred provided the bulk of Leicestershire's enormous total and left Yorkshire no more than the hope they might somehow scrape a draw.

There was still a slight possi-

bility of that yesterday morning, especially after the recent exploits of their lower orders, who have given the Yorkshire card an upside-down look in the last couple of matches. In the first innings here. Darren Gough made a nice half-century to go with his maiden hundred against Warwickshire in the last round, and Richard Stemp also reached 50, for the second time this summer.

Richard Blakey to nudge tentaovely to second slip and then gaining an lbw verdict against an impatient Gough. At that moment Parsons had

morning, quickly inducing

in their defence the pitch was

one that had always had some-

But there was no wagging of the tail this time as the five rein which he bowled 54 deliverics without conceding a run. He maining wickets disappeared finished with 3 for 40. for the addition of just 28 to His line was much straighter Saturday night's total, although

than David Millns, who was safely left alone for much of the time by Michael Bevan, who thing up its sleeve for the might have organised a more meaningful resistance had he Gordoo Parsons saw off Craig White with lift and movehad more adhesive partners. His second scoring stroke, cut ment in his second over of the

for four off Millns, made the Australian the first batsman in the country to pass 1,000 first-class runs for the season. But he was left high and dry oo 65 as Millus at last located the target and bowled Peter Hartley and 3 for 0 in 32 balls, during a spell then Stemp in two deliveries.

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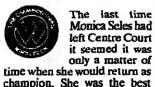
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Seles seals triumphant comeback

GUY HODGSON



champion. She was the best player in the world and only Steffi Graf's advantages on grass had stopped her prevail-ing at Wimbledon. Surely she would take the women's title next year, or maybe the one

She returned yesterday hut the near certainty of her becoming a Wimhledon winner had been snatched from her by a madman. Four years had passed since she lost the 1992 final to Graf, an interval caused by a knife attack in Hamburg. The Centre Court was hers yesterday, but the wave of emotion coming down from the dark greep seats was relief at her return. The acclaim of a champion has yet to come.

With a slightly embarrassed smile, she waved back mumbled something to her opponent, Ann Grossman, and then procceded to play like she had never been away. Devastating. powerful, overwhelming: she chased the diminutive American

off court 6-1, 6-2 in 49 minutes. Grossman, ranked 66th in the world, took her first service game to love as Seles, 22, found the range with her howitzer groundstrokes. Then she pummelled the lines and the corners with frightening precision. Towards the end the crowd was cheering hugely every point the loser made: rarely can sympathy have shot over the net from

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G Raoux (Fr) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3 6-1

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"It was just like I was walking out there for the first time, Seles, whose only show of nerdropped her racket during a serve, said. "The crowd was so responsive and I thought 'wow, this is great' but I had to focus many chances out there."

Seles' victory was in keeping with the women's seeds' supremacy yesterday. Kimiko Date became the first person through to the second round, walloping her fellow Japanese, Kyoko Nagatsuka, 6-0, 6-2, which seemed cruel until Conchita Martinez, the 1994 champion, made that first result look like an act of mercy with the 6-0, 6-0 rout of the Italian, Silvia Farina. Indeed only one of the

women's seeds suffered the fate of Andre Agassi, Jim Courier and Michael Chang and even that was not surprise defeat. Chanda Rubin, the seventh seed, had to pull out of the competition at the last minute because of the wrist injury that also forced her withdrawl at Eastbourne last week.

As for the British women, Sam Smith threatened an upset when she took the first set 6-3 from the Romanian 15th seed Irina Spirlea. The hope proved short-lived, however, because the 24-year-old from Epping was thrashed 6-1, 6-2 in the re-

maining two. 21-year-old Claire Taylor to carry the Union Jack into the second round, although it would be unwise to break out the bunting just yet as her opponent yes-

C Beecher (CB) bt N Gould (CB) 6-4 6-4 7-6

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Washington (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-3 7-6 G-7 7-5

F Dewulf (Bel) bt V Spades (US) 3-6 6-3 7-5

Gaudenzi (M) bx M Joyce (US) 1-6 6-2 5-7 6-1 6-3

M Tillstrom (Swe) bt M Goeliner (Ger) 7-8 3-6

R Furtan (h) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-4-3-6-4-6

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Holder: S Graf (Ger)

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P SAMPRAS (US) bt R Reneberg (US) 4-6-6-4 A Miller (US) bt P Suariez (Ang) 6-2-6-2

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM



Enquiring look: Jeremy Bates had no answer to Nicolas Pereira yesterday

The last time Taylor played at found the experience more har-Wimbledon, two years ago, she had a match on Centre Court against Martina Navratilova in what was the great champion's valedictory tournament. Yesterday she was tucked away on Court Five and, human nature

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M PIERCE (Fra) bt P Schnyder (Swit) 6-3 6-2

M SELES (US) be A Grossman (US) 6-1 6-2

A Frazier (US) bt D Randformely (Mad) 6-3 6-1

Seeded players in capitals

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nand (US) bt A Mantalia (Sp) 6-2 3-6

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She hid it well because her rowing.
"I wasn't pervous at all when

serve was only threatened to-wards the end of her 6-3, 6-2 I played Martina," she said. "I'd win. Otherwise her groundbeen doing dozens of interviews strokes were too powerful before the match and by the time "I've always hit is hard, it's just that the ball goes in now," I got here I was getting bored and wanted to play. Today I expectwhich is more than could be said

covering from shouting itself hoarse on behalf of England at

Photograph: David Ashdown

Wembley on Saturday. Would she be going again tomorrow? "I don't know, I hope so. It depends on the scheduling of my next match." That, is against the 13th seed.

Hard graft for Sampras

certain start to the defence of his Wimbledon title against Richie Reneberg yesterday, is well aware he is in sight of join-ing Reggie Doherty, Tony Wilding and Rod Laver as a four-times winner of the men's

Laver, who won in 1961, 1962, 1968 and 1969, is well known to most tennis buffs. Messrs Doherty and Wilding may be more obscure. Doherty, a Briton, won the men's sin- record of 42 aces in one match,

But in the days of Doherty and Wilding being champion 206 aces in seven matches at the was a languid affair. Apart 1992 Wimbledon before losing

title holder merely waited until the last day and then played the chap who had come through the field for the crown. Sampras, however, will have played four. times as many matches if he

wins again this year. Meanwhile, John Feaver, the tournament director at the Lawn Tennis Association, and a former British Davis Cup player, will have an anxious fortnight. He holds the Wimhledon champion John Newcombe in 1976. Bot Feaver still lost. His problem is that Goran Ivanisevic, the big-serving Croat, might

to Andre Agassi in the final, and he regularly delivers 30 or more must be in line to beat Feaver's

 Thomas Muster, the World . No 2, was lucky to be injured a few days before the start of Wimbledon. He has probably been saved considerable embarrassmeot. Muster was more than a little annoyed when seeded only seventh for the men's singles. He called it a joke, which it may have been: lower, if at all.

The 28-year-old Austrian has played four times at Wimbledon and has lost in the first round on all four occasions. Cynics might say his injury grew worse when he was drawn in the same 16 as Sampras.

Court circular

Baseball caps are de rigueur

The official Wimblewinner and this year is prov-

As well as the usual rush on Tehuts and baseball caps, the shop has stocked a new line of ma hats, obviously hopeful of another heatwave. Another first is a large range of children's clothing, and the new purple and green check sweat-shirt and Fahirt, given an added authenticity by the ball

boys' and girls' usage of them.
Naturally there is a full range
of tackets, bells, wrist bends and
socks to be had, but you don't have to be sporty to find something to spend your money on. Lipstick-holders, key rings and pendants are all on offer

at the jewellery counter, as well as the shop's most expensive item, a nine-carat gold bracelet adorned with various. trinkets (racket, come into its own.

According to the manager Jean Cooke, there is definite by a market for soch items, "We get a lot of big spenders. The American and Japanese tour-ists, in particular, are always good customers."

Over the course of the tour nament, over 40,000 visitors will purchase at least one item from the shop, with the average sale around £32. The cheapest items are socks and wrist bands, yours for a fiver, and key rings which start at £6.

Curiously, the biggest-selling item at this most English of shops is an American creation - the baseball cap remains, year in, year out, the shop's No 1 seller. However, if the English summer proves as unreliable as ever, do not rule out big sales of that perennial favourite - the umbrella. At £30, it may yet



Strawberry meals forever

Sacrilege is being committed at Wimbledon the tournament ends, we hold this year, but it's all in a major review of catering and the interests of good health. For the first time in the thought of." tournament's 120-year history, strawberries are being served - not with cream, but

with yoghart. Keeping trim does, however, have its price at Wimbledon, with the yoghunt option, at £2.80, £1 more expensive than the less healthy dish with cream.

"It's a move towards healthier living." Frank Me-Cartney, the Operations Di-rector of the caterers, Town

and Country, explained. "We are constantly updating our service for spectators at Wunbledon and after exthere was a demand.

this was one of the options we Yesterday, on the first day of the championship, almost four times as many spectators

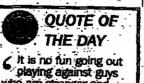
were still sampling the strawberries with cream. McCartney's 1,400 catering staff expect to sell two tonnes of strawberries during the Wimbledon fortnight and

285,000 cups of tea and coffee. Another addition to the Wimbledon catering in 1996 is pizza. "After the war," Mc-Cartney said, "people were content to eat whatever came in front of them.

"But in the 1990s things have changed, so Wimbledon must change as well."

WOMEN'S





who are stronger and better than me. I did not want to hang on to a situation where I was out of my depth and I am. aware that I am getting out of my depth-

STATISTICS OF THE DAY 12,500 - bottles of

4 - number of players who have withdrawn from Wimbledon. 24 - number of women

playing their first Wimbledon. 339 - the number of

weeks Steffi Graf has been world No 1.

TODAY'S WEATHER

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G Fernandez (US) bt T Jeomerica (Yug) 2-6 1897 to 1900, while Wilding, a New Zealander killed in active G Fernandez (US) bt T Jeomenica (Yug) 2-6 6-3 6-4 service during the First World War, also won four in succession from 1910 to 1913.

break the record he holds dear. Ivanisevic served up a record

Thomas, W Monts and L Evans, Port Talboti 24-9.

Cycling
Despite finishing 30th in yesterday's British open championship at Abergavenny, Makooim Elilott has been chosen as British's fifth and final member of the road race team for the Olympics. Elliot, 35, last represented British on the Olympics as an ameticur in Moscow in 1980, in the track horse area.

the team pursuit on the track. Now a pro-fessional, he joins Chris Boardman, Max Sciandri, Brian Smith and John Tarmer.

Football

FOOTISHE
FA CARLING PREMIERS BY Live matches on Sky Sports: 18 Aug: Southsmother v Chelses. 19 Aug: Livespoot v Arsensi. 26 Aug: Southsmother v Chelses. 19 Aug: Livespoot v Arsensi. 26 Aug: Leader v Winthisdon. 2 Sopt: Shedield Wednesday v Leaders. 2 Sopt: Shedield Wednesday v Aston Ville. 18 Sept: Chelses v Aston Ville. 18 Sept: Asners v Shedield Wednesday. 22 Sept: Industrian v Island Wednesday. 22 Sept: Tottorham v Island Wednesday. 22 Sept: Tottorham v Island Wednesday. 22 Sept: Mandhaste Utd v Tottorham. 30 Sept: Newcasde v Aston Ville. 12 Oct: Nort Ut v Liverpool (11.15em). 12 Oct: Covertry v Southampton. 14 Oct: Sunderland v Meddesbrough. 20 Oct: Newcasde v Man Utd. 27 Oct: Leapool v Deby. 28 Oct: Northighem Forest v Everon. 3 Nov: Newcasde v Man Utd. 27 Oct: Leapool v Deby. 28 Oct: Northighem Forest. 24 Nov: Arsensi v Totterham v Liverpool. 8 Dec: West-Ham v Marchester Utd. 5 Dec: Sunderland v Chelses. 2 Dec: Totterham v Liverpool. 8 Dec: West-Ham v Marchester Utd. 5 Dec: Sunderland v Chelses. 22 Dec: Annual Ville. 15 Dec: Sunderland v Chelses. 22 Dec: Northighem Forest. 24 Nov: Arsensi v Totterham v Liverpool. 8 Dec: Steffield Wednesday v Ansensi. 15 Dec: Sunderland v Chelses. 22 Dec: Northighem Forest v Newcastle. 15 Dec: Sunderland v Chelses. 22 Dec: Steffed Wednesday v Ansensi. 15 Jane Berger v Bedchum Roves, Manchester Utd v Aston Ville.

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Australia have had to make four enforced changes for the one-off Test against Caneda on Saturday with Daniel Herbert (centre), Den Crowley (prop), Scott Bowen (fly-haif) and Merk Bell (nooker) coming in to replace Joe Roff (titumb), Ewen McKerste (ankle fracture), Pat Howard (groln) and Merco Caputto (ankle ligaments).

AUSTRALIA (v Canade, Brisbane, 29 Junet: M Burier, 3 Tune, D Herbert, T Hosan, D Campeer, S Bowen, S Payner, M Bitsl., D Welson, O Finegan, J Exics (capit, G Mongan, D Crowley, M Bell, R Harry.

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5 Y Kasiridavi (Rus) 3,280; 6 M Carre (US)
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(US) 1,284; 18 J Sammetric (Welt) 1,336;
20 M Wastington (US) 1,333.

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SPORTING DIGEST **Briton rescued from the Atlantic**

Sailing

The QE2 was among shipping diverted vesterday to search for a British vachtsman after his boat sank 700 miles out into the Atlantic, writes Stuart Alexander.

Peter Crowther, 50, had just two minutes to escape from his 28-year-old boat, Galway Blazer of Dart. He theo spent more than six hours being thrown around in a tiny liferaft in 20foot waves before the Swedish picked him up. He will be tak-

container ship Atlantic Compass en to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Crowther, a pony-tailed pubican from Stoke Gahriel, near

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Dartmouth, was competing in his fifth Singlehanded Transatlantic Race from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island.

"The boat slid down a hig "Treak gust" less than 24 hours from the finish, and

almighty bang and the water started pouring in," he said. "I could see straight away there was no point in doing anything hut getting out."

Frenchman Francis Joyon, leading the race and on track to smash the 10-day record, capsized, and the favourite to win triot Yves Parler, was dis-

In separate incidents, the

the monohull class, his compa- novations, was dismasted in fleet has been enduring.

wave and then there was an on course to beat the record of 10 days, nine hours and 15 minutes set by Loick Peyron in 1988. Peyron is now second to Paul Vatine in Haute Normandie and both could still hreak the record, as the monohulls are still

led by Italy's Giovanni Soldini in the 50-footer Telecom Italia after Yves Parlier's radically-designed 60-footer, Aquitaine Insome of the stormy weather the

EVENING RACING RESULTS

6.15: 1, SING WITH THE BAND (G Catter) 9-2: 2. Dominelle 7-2 for, 3. Raise Point 6-1. 8 ren. (B McMahon). Toler £3.40; £1.20, £2.00, £2.50. Dual Forecast: £12.10. Com-puter Straight Forecast: £19.52. Tricast:

6.45: 1. BRISKA (M Roberts) 15-8 fav; 2. Medience Chinnery 2-1; 3. River of Fortune 5-2. 3 ran. 1½, nk. (R Hamon), Tota: £2.90; £1.60. £1.40. Dual Forecast: £2.40. CSF: 7.15: 1. AL SHADEEDAH (O Urbina) 3-1; 2. Bernard Seven 14-1: 3. Mr Cabe 7-2. 8 ran. 9-4 fav Three Arch Bridge, sitt-ind, 2-4. (I. Cumara). Tota: £4.90: £1.90. £2.20. £1.20. Dul Forcest: £47.90. GS; £38.54. Incest: £142.27. Tric: £53.80. Non Runner:

WARWICK

6.30: 1. VONCES IN THE SIXY (S Sanders)
13-2: 2. Zeitbe 10-1; 3. Sinclair Lad 141: 4. Estémo Viss 12-1, 23 san. 6-1 facultic
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Tota: £5.30; £1.60, £2.60, £5.60, £2.60,
Dual Forecast: £30.70. Computer Straight,
Forecast: £72.26. Tricast: £832.25. This
£205.10. Selling race: There was no bid for
the straight.

the wittner.
7.00: 1. POINTER (F Quint 13-2; 2. Lorina:
Gold 6-1; 3. Louisville Belle 6-1. 13 ran.
11-2 fav Dending Heart. 2*4, Vs. Divis P Dutfield, Toke: 59.55; 25.50; £3.00; £4.00. DutForecast: £73.70. CSF: £57.41. Tricas:

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Sarasota Storm, Michael Bell's

only runner at Musselburgh yes-

terday landed a shock 20-1 suc-

cess under Michael Feuton in the Yvonne Murray MBE Handicap. The stewards inquired into Sarasota Storm's improvement in form compared to his previous outing at Warwick, where he finished 11th of 13, beaten more than 30 lengths, after attempting to make all the running. They accepted the explanation that Sarasota Storm had run too freely in the visor that was fitted for the first time that day, and that the jockey's instructions this time were to settle the gelding and not to get him too crowded.

Odds-on backers got it right at Musselburgh when Time To Tango waltzed home under Jimmy Fortune to beat Ready Teddy and Kieren Fallon by a length. The 4-5 favourite is trained by George Moore. Middlehambased Moore, who has only seven horses to run on the Flat, feels the lightly-raced Time To Tango is open to further improvement. "She cracked a pastern before she ever ran and has never run a bad race," he added. "She was entitled to be favourite today and has done it well. But Jimmy said she was still a bit green, so there's

probably more improvement to

Athletics
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Basketball Crystal Palace will be in the Budweiser League next season, replacing Doncaster Parithers, who have withdrawn.

BROWIS

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John Cook's first-US PGA Tour victory for four years came in the St. Lide Clas-sic on Sunday. He missed a Tour record by one shoke when his chip shot record by one stroke when his carp a so, on the lest hole bounced off the pin. Cook finished with a four-round rotal of 258, 26 under per, one stroke off the tour record low for 72 holes set by Mike Souchek at the 1955 Texas Open. ST.ARE CLASSIC (Memphis, Fernit Leading final scores (US unless stated): 258 J Cook 64 62 63 69. 265 J Adams 65 64 66

America's Jud Smith won his second consecutive race and the third of the Hackett World Championship for the Exchels in a perfect Solent Sea Inveze yesterday, but was under pressure from Britain's Adam Gosling, with another Britain contender, Mick Gesves, third. Third.

HACKETT ETCHELLS 22 WORLD (HAMPION-SHE' (Cowest: Race Threes 1.) Smith (US);
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35; 6) McPhall (Aus) 43.

Jeremy Bates bids farewell to Wimbledon champagne sold at Wimbledon.

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German tourists spend a total of \$37bn a

year - only just behind the total for all Americans

Technically there is a lot of ground for England to make up but the morale of British players should never be underestimated

hley last Saturday, the organisers of Euro 96 must have looked on witha great deal of apprehension. They knew that the success of their tournament depended upon England remaining in contention.

It is fairly safe to assume that England's dead-eye precision, and then David Seaman's save from Nadal, came as great relief to the blazered fraternity. They knew that without England the championship would have immediately lost impetus. Leaving aside a flood of nation-

al euphoria and tabloid ranting, this was emphasised by a negative response in events in the other quarter-finals. Looking at those matches, a bitter disappointment to their sup-

When it came to penalties at Wem-ers on television, Euro 96 looked less than has been imagined in the context of England's heady progress.

That some rather extravagant estimates have been reached over the last two weeks or so was wearingly evident. Having established a reputation for technical brilliance Croatia ran out of spirit when losing to Germany at Old Trafford. The Netherlands improved on a woeful performance against England when meeting France but left the impression that they are not strong on commitment. France, who have been made favourites, promised a

lot hut have yet to deliver. Portugal's loss to the Czechs was porters but still predictable. Exciting players, quick and tidy on the ball but been left with two semi-finals of lit-

Marred by the German referee, Krug, whose incompetence was quite staggering, the game revealed collective shortcomings in Portugal that had

been obscured by individual artistry. Germany are functional and threatening but do not quicken the pulse. The star, as Berti Vogts says, is the team. Despite losing four of their first-choice players to a ludi-crous spate of cautions, the Czechs have big hearts and will be hard to beat but only Karel Poborsky, whose marvellous lob defeated Portugal, seems to possess the brilliance that gets specialors out of their seats.

Let us suppose that England had gone out to Spain and Germany to Croatia. The organisers would have



COMMENTARY

tle local interest. British newspapers would have turned their full attention to proceedings at Wimbledon, found some other patriotic theme to make a fuss about, and television ratmes would have plummeted.

could be sold six times over and will attract a huge television audience. I have not personally sought an official comment on this but everyone connected with Uefa should offer up thanks for the way things have developed because to my mind Euro 96 has not lived up entirely to expectations. There have been a number of excellent matches but none so far to suggest the presence of a domi-

nant force in European football. There has been something of the curate's egg about England's efforts. Poor against Switzerland, bet-ter in periods against Scotland, they exceeded all expectations in outplaying the Dutch but were generally outclassed by Spain. That England, a reasonable team

to become champions of Europe says something about the overall standard and raises a thought or two about the future. Technically, there is a lot of ground for England to make up but the instinctive morale of British footballers should never be undcrestimated and is greatly admired

elsewhere in the game.
It brought England through against Spain, who were the superior crafts-men, and could get them past Germany. "Nobody enjoys playing against us," is an argument put forward by British coaches when involved in European club competitions.

A thing the authorities must ensure now is that the remaining games of Euro 96 are refereed sensibly. Their policy so far has been wide

championship. Unless it is altered for future tournaments, it may be necessary to have squads of 30 players, an impossibility for small countries unless they call on men who are clearly not up to international standard.

There have been alarming anomalics. Players have been cautioned for small errors in timing and yet the Croatian defender, Bilic. was allowed to remain on the field against Germany after kicking a floored opponent. Krug handed out nine cautions and a red card at Villa Park on Sunday but missed a vicious foul on a Portuguese defender that should

have resulted in instant dismissal. Not for the first time, it is in order, I think, to suggest that the authorities get their act together.

Millichip 'regrets' Venables' exit

For the first time in what seems months, we have two whole days without football. What to do? Talk to your partner (if they are still there), scythe the lawn, buy fresh food, rather than eat microwaved Polyfilia?

No. Talk about football. After the drama of the weekend everyone was having their tuppence or pfennig-worth yesterday. While Terry Venahles spoke of matching the German mark, Franz Beckenhauer tipped England to win tomorrow's Wembley semi-final.

In Birmingham they went one better, the FA arranging a whole day's conference, with o00 delegates, just to talk about the game. There was also the first sign of buck passing as Sir Bert - "Venahles will be coach over my dead body" - Millichip said he "regretted" Venables would not be staying on but insisted it was not his fault. The FA chairman's col-

league, Charles Hughes, went even further, claiming credit for everything from England's abil-

Berti Vogts and his players

wished first to "rejoice" in their

quarter-final victory over

Croatia before contemplating

interpreter said at Old Trafford.

Clearly there had been some-

thing lost in translation. Never

has there been a team who

looked less like rejoicing than

The tears which welled up in

Jürgen Klinsmann's eyes as he

hobbled off the pitch and out of

the tournament with a torn calf muscle gave way, at the

after-match press conference, to

a sad demeanour, the like of

which we never saw during his

will do for England - and it will be considerable - is far out-

weighed by his loss to a tour-

nament which is long on

competence but short on such

individual greatness. Croatia's

cynical, calculating role in his

demise has undone much of the

sporting goodwill extended to

that nation since its struggle for

As befits a captain, Klins-

mann, despite his misfortune,

searched hard for a silver lining.

He found a similarity between

their present predicament with

mjuries and that of morale dur-ing Italia 90. "We only just

scraped by against the Czechs in

Whatever good his absence

try with Tottenham.

independence.

the Germans on Sunday.

TI WILLIAM

Belli

one's surprise, the FA's director of coaching had a set of statisties to back himself up.

Also in Birmingham, Andy Roxburgh, Uefa's technical director, delivered the sort of reasoned, yet passionate address that made one wish he had not turned

England vesterday lost the bat-

tle of the strips and will have to wear their away kit against Germany, who will play in their usual white. England officials insisted that the change to what is described as an indigo hine shirt did not matter, but to many observers the outfit looks grey and experts have warned that players can have difficulty picking out team-mates.

down a similar job with the FA. Since the successful accessions of Terry Venables and Craig Brown - and continual disaster on the European club front coaching has become fashionable in Britain, but Roxburgh recalled "18 years of working against the contempt people

the quarter final, winning 1-0 with

there was some insecurity with-

become world champions," he

said. "You have to be positive,

positive orientated - that's what

I am, that's what my team-mates

are. Maybe this calf of mine will

be okay for Wednesday. We

mann nor his fellow striker

Fredi Bobic, who dislocated

his shoulder, will make mirac-

ulous recoveries, Vogts will

have to mend and make do.

With Jürgen Kohler and Mario

Basler long since out of the run-

ning, and Stefan Reuter and

Thomas Hässler barely able to

run at all, it was hardly sur-

prising that Vogts should recoil

find an adequate partner for

Klinsmann, it would make sense

not to field two sub-standard

strikers but to deploy just one

with perhaps Andreas Möller,

originally a striker, in close

support. Perhaps then a place could be found in midfield for

Mehmet Scholl, the Bayern

Munich playmaker, as well as

Assuming that neither Klins-

shall have to wait and see."

Klinsmann searches

ity to take penalties, to rising at-tendances, to the Premier terwards Roxburgh, the for-heague's any wealth. It no-"for years the difference between the UK and countries like Germany and France is they have had professionals training and doing the coaching whereas we have had amateurs. Only now have we adopted a professional mentality.

The man responsible for running coaching in England since 1964 listened without a flicker of self-doubt. Hughes did admit that England had "not taken advantage" of the 1966 World Cup win, because the structure to do so was not in place, "It is now," he said, "and a win in Euro 96 would act as a spur and enhance what we are doing."

Hughes's department does appear to have belatedly re-alised that coaching needed to be modernised, and a new system begins in August. The high-priest of long-ball football (*87.1 per cent of goals come from five passes or less," he claimed yes-terday) was given unexpected support from Bert van Lingen, the assistant coach of the Netherlands. "I'm a fan of Wimbledon," he said. "We can't find that kind of player. Dutch players are too lazy and too intelligent, they don't want to play that way."

for some good news ter referees have been awarded the remaining Wembley matches. Sandor Publ, of Hundred the World Iwo of the tournament's betland-Germany tomorrow and Pierluigi Pairetto, who refereed England-Scotland, will oversee Sunday's final.

England's chances of reaching that stage continued to improve yesterday in line with the steady recovery of Paul Gascoigne (ankle), Teddy Sheringham (dead leg), Tony Adams (knee) and Darren Anderton hamstring). None trained but all are getting better. One unlikely source appears

convinced. Beckenbauer, the former World Cup-winning German captain and coach, said: "England start favourites because their team have really improved and are at home. Germany were lucky to beat Croatia and they will have to work hard to get to the final without Jürgen Klinsmann."

at the suggestion of a further "battle" with England, who, it should be remembered have the benefit of an extra day's rest. Venables, naturally, put the There are suggestions that he onus on Germany suggesting may be tempted not to replace they were the team to measure like with like in attack, but inagainst. "They have all-round yers and they always seem to front. Since Vogts has struggled be able to come out just on the throughout this tournament to right side of games.

This is Venables' final week and Millichip, stirred by "the finest exhibition by an English football team that I have seen in the last 30 years" against the Dutch, admitted: "I have spoken to Terry and he knows I did my utmost to persuade him not to go. So, yes, I have regrets about that. But we have made a very good appointment in Glenn Hoddle to take over."



Desailly wary of the yellow peril

When he has finished dealing with a veritable barrage of ques tions about everything from life sans Eric Cantona through France's prospects of reaching the final of Euro 96 to the ravings of racists at home - Marcel Desailly poses one of his own.

"Who's the referee?" the tournament's outstanding defender asks about tomorrow's semi-final against the Czech Republic at Old Trafford. On hearing that it is a Scotsman. Les Mottram, his face lights up. "Oh, that's okay then," Desailly says, miming the illegal use of an elbow before joining in the laughter of the assembled scribes over this insight into a European's perception of the

British hurly-burly.
The Milan player's concern centres on the fact that he has a yellow card hanging him over him from the group fixtures. One injudicious challenge, or indeed an error of judgement by the match official, could nut him out of Sunday's final. It was, he confesses, in the back of his mind throughout Saturday's attritional draw with the Netherlands at Anfield, which France

eventually won on penalties. Not that Desailly will be holding back or taking for granted victory over the Czechs. was very surprised when they beat Italy and again when they put out Portugal, but that's football," he says. "Now we're in the same position as the Por-

Phil Shaw on the French defender who has been instrumental in helping his country reach the semi-finals

tuguese, who were probably better collectively and individually but still lost.

We played the Czechs in Bordeaux last year and were 2-0 down before Zinedine Zidane scored twice late on to make a draw. It shows how much we must respect them. They're a dangerous team."

The 27-year-old Desailly, born in Ghana but adopted by the French consul-general in Accra before moving to Nantes at the age of four, has gained European Cup-winners' medals with Marseille and Milan. For

While England bask in fiercely

partisan support from public, politicians and media alike, their

possible opponents in Sunday's

European Championship final,

France, came under attack from

home yesterday as they pre-pared for tomorrow's semi-final

against the Czech Republic at

Aimé Jacquet, the national

coach, announced that he had

received a fax giving details of

Old Trafford, writes Phil Shaw.

however, he has never played at Wembley. "It might be the one time in

my life, so I must make the most of it if we get through. Ideally I want us to play England - that would be a nice party. I think they'll beat the Germans because they have the spirit and support, and Germany have lost a lot with Klinsmann's injury."

Desailly describes English football as "spectacular to watch", adding as tactfully as possible that there are "still problems at a tactical level". He is impressed by the strength and

opportunism of Alan Shearer,

France let down by right-winger

"half France's team" as "for-

cigners" and complained that

they did not know the words of

Jacquet said they were the

ramblings of "a strange politi-cian". He added: "Our duty is

to the French public. They

know that the red, white and

blue is being well defended."

hlack midfielder who is sus-

pended from tomorrow's

Christian Karembeu, the

the national anthem.

Papin in their Marseille days, and recalls tangling with Paul Gas-coigne in Scrie A. "Sometimes he was walking. When he started to run, he was dangerous." But the Englishman who has

really caught his eye is Steve McManaman. "I believe he'd do well in Italy, because he's quick and goes past people." The infectious smile signposts an af-terthought: "Which I don't like."

Mention of players who flumox defenders (although the versatile Desailly operates in midfield for Milan) leads us on

their contempt for the com-

ments. "Le Pen is a fascist who

makes these attacks to gain

publicity," he said. "We don't

want to help him do that. To us

it is no big thing. Le Pen is al-

ways saying these things."
Christophe Dugarry, whose
Euro 96 is over following a knee

injury on Saturday, is to fly home

for treatment at his club, Bor-

deaux, who have agreed his trans-

fer to Milan. The Czechs have

Christophe Dugarry is injured and Christian Karemben suspended. Desailly is no more willng to be lured into that debate than he was to be put off by Hristo Stoichkov's insults though he admits: "We don't

have much fantasy in our team What we do have is continuity and consistency. We don't win one 5-0 and lose the next. It's now 27 games unbeaten. We're like Robocop, very organised and efficient, and perhaps more technical than England."

As for yesterday's outburst by the French fascist leader about the number of "foreigners" in the side and their alleged ignorance of "La Marseillaise" one of its principal targets says with quiet dignity: "When I with quiet dignity: pull on the hlue shirt I'm conscious that I'm representing France, and of the importance of that. But me sing to satisfy

Le Pen? I don't think so." Desailly is black and blue and proud of it. The only problem on the semi-final horizon is

Poborsky rides Euro express

Every major football tournment throws up an unlikely hero -Salvatore Schillaci at *Italia 90* amples - and Euro 96 is no exception. The media's current favourite is a skinny, longhaired 24-year-old from Prainte who rejoices in the nickname "Express Train" and looks as though he has just failed an audition for Spinal Tap. Karel Poborsky had already

made a big impression with his non-stop running and probing as the Czech Republic beat Italy 2-1 and then snatched a dramatic 3-3 draw with Russia to qualify for the quarter-finals. At and a date with France in the semi-final at Old Trafford is all Villa Park on Sunday, howevcr, he went even further and put the Slavia Prague winger from four of his colleagues suspendhimself in the sporting head. It in European football's shop ed for the game against France.



Poborsky's audacious lob over a startled Portuguese goalfreeper. Vitor Baia, gave the our games at Euro 96.*

Creeche a 1-0 quarter final win For now, though tomorno last four tomorrow. It also put that matters for Poborsky. With window. He has another year to he will be bearing a heavy burrun on his contract with the den on his skinny frame Czech champions, but he could

the 12 months are up. There is no question that I would like to play in a top league at some stage, be that in Italy or Germany," Poborsky said. "I will do my best to achieve that dream." His Czech squad-mate Pavel Srnicek thinks Poborsky would do well in the Premiership. "I see no reason why Karel couldn't do an excellent job for a top English club," the Newcastle goalkeeper said. "He has the qualities to succeed here, as many have seen during

For now, though, tomorrow's

England set for fair play win England are on track to win only England's second player to

Uefa's Fair Play award for Euro 96. The beaten champions. Denmark, head the league table, based on bookings and sendings-off received, after 28 matches of the tournament. However, second-placed England, who meet Germany in the last four tomorrow at Wembley, could move into top spot. Gary Neville, who is sus-

pended from the semi-final, is RIP-OFFS

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FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Sem hochu, na mou hlavu... which is Czech for:

"Over 'ere son, on me 'ead..."

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"Dieu" at tomorrow's venue.
"You still ask about Cantona!" he says, politely incredulous. We're sorry for Eric, of course. who reminds him of Jean-Pierre hut the coach made his decision ite edand that's it. We're in the semiinitely - CS finals, so why are we talking aboul Cantona?" looks Nevertheless, France would look grac doubtless love to call on Manr over iod chester's finest now that ⊥is a

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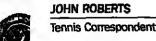
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Three seeded Americans, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang

and Jim Courier, evaporated on Wimbledon's opening day, hut the main man, Pete Sampras, survived the initial challenge in his campaign to win the title four times consecutively. The third-seeded Agassi's early departure was not entirely unexpected, given the 1992 champion's recent history.

He was defeated on Court No 2, the so-called "Graveyard of Champions", 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, by Doug Flach, a 25-year-old qualifier who is ranked No 281 in the world and has not played a main ATP Tour event all year.

It was Agassi's first match since losing to another compa-triot. Chris Woodruff, in the second round of the French Open. and it was only the fifth match he had played since March.

Doubts have be expressed

about Agassi's fitness and commitment, but he ascribed the defeat to a bad day on the court. "I was off my game, no ques-tion," he said, "If you are a hit off on the grass courts, you can go wrong, right and left. I've def-initely hit the hall better, no question. I knew after the first tie-hreaker that the whole tone of the game had changed," He also mentioned that he

had suffered a bout of flu in recent days, but did not offer this as an excuse for losing to an unsung compatriot whom he had beaten in straight sets in their two previous matches.

Flach, the brother of the doubles specialist Ken, said: "I'm excited as you could possibly get, it's the higgest high-light of my career."

Agassi gave Wimbledon a miss for three years after his previous first round defeat, by the Frenchmao Henri Leconte when making his debut in 1987.

Chang, the sixth seed, was defeated 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 by Alberto Costa, a Spanish claycourt specialist who was prepared to adapt to an attacking game for the grass courts.

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YESTERDAY AT WIMBLEDON

Bates' hopes of a fighting farewell

Jonathan Stark, ranked No 130, who has not progressed be-youd the second round in four previous visits but who won the mixed doubles titles with Martina Navratilova last year. Sampras, who was also in-

volved in an all-American contest, responded to a lively start by Richey Reneherg, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. Chang and Costa had only

played each other once before, and that happened to be in the same round and on the same No 2 Court two years ago, when the Spaniard made his dehut.

runner-up to Boris Becker on rubberised concrete at the Australian Open in January. He lost to Stefan Edberg in

Open, a result cherished by the Swede, who had been Chang's opponent in the final on the clay of Stade Roland Garros when the American hecame the youngest male to win a Grand Slam singles title at 17 years and three months in 1989.

"I don't look at any surface as a surface that I can't play on," Chang said. "That to me just doesn't make sense at all. I know that grass will be a little hit more difficult for me to play on, but that doesn't mean I need to come in with the mentality that I'm going to lose. Otherwise it makes oo sense to really

come and play."

Costa, one of the few players in the world capable of beating Thomas Muster oo clay, swallowed his disappointment after losing in the second round of the French Open and made an effort to settle his feel on grass. He played in Rosmalen, in the

Although he lost in the first joyable evening.

Four men's seeds go out as Chang, Courier and Boetsch joln Agassi

Glamour-girl Pierce disappoints the fashion-followers

are crushed by Venezuelan

Chang's season at the Grand Slam championships has dete-riorated since he finished the

the third round of the French

evidently gained sufficiently from the experience to produce a result to savour on his 21st birthday today.

round of both tournaments, he

"I know here is not my surface, and for me it's strange to play here, but I won this match. and for me that's good," he said. "I was a little bit nervous, because I was not clear what I could do on the court. Most important for me were the two tiebreaks. In the fourth set, I played good in the last game and he made two big mistakes, two doubles faults. That's unlucky for for him, good luck for me." Courier had the misfortune

to slip and "tweak the groin a little bit" during the fourth set, shortly after Stark had broken to take a 3-2 lead. Courier did not use this as an excuse.

"Jon played very well, for starters," he said, "He's got a dangerous game, particularly for the surface, I knew going in that on the first day on the grass here the movement is tricky and you have to be really sharp, and Joo was a little hit sharper than

I was today."
While others struggled, Boris
Becker made light of of JeanPhilippe Fleurian. The secondseeded Becker won, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

The German, who opened the day's proceedings on No 1 Court, was asked if he would request an early start for his secand round match on Wednesday in order to be able to watch a certain football match at Wembley.

"No, for me the priority is definitely Wimbledon," Becker said, 'I don't intend even to go, hecause it's something I'd rather see on the television, especially if the German side is going to win. So I first have to take care of my business here, Courier, the eighth seed, lost Netherlands, and Nottingham. and then hopefully I have an en-

finally over for **Bates**

Party

RICHARD EDMONDSON



Terry Venables has also received an invitation, bis he will find Dick ic Bird and Jere my Bates at the retirement rate ahead of him. Our Jeremy disappeared into the Wimbledon

sunset for the last time yester. day when he succumbed to Nicolas Pereira on Court 14. completing a near circle as it was on that meadow that he enjoyed his greatest day in SW19, against Michael Chang in 1992 Bates has recently taken to talking like an elder statesman,

informing how things have changed in the game since he was a lad (Slade are not in the charts for one thing). Yesterday he proved it. The service action was as it

always has been, the wind-up involving a quick downwards glance to the right, as if a wasp had just landed on court. A more depressing constant, however, was the number of first serves Bates buried in the net. Pereira did not do this. He sent aces whistling past our boy like the years.
The Venezuelan had beaten

Becker and Muster this year, but had also lost to the Wallace and Grommits of the circuit. What he did possess was an eight-year age advantage over his opponent. Bates was 34 last week and while the ravages of the calendar have affected his face and body less than just about everyone of that age on the street, he is a Methuselah in tennis terms. A sign of the passing times

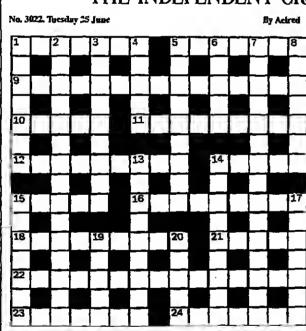
was when a Bates supporter arrived at courtside, a village schoolmistress of a figure, wearing a long skirt and blazer, carrying a tan satchel and peering through thin-rimmed speciacles. This was Jo Durie, Bates's partner when the championship's mixed doubles title was annexed in 1991, the day when the pair pogo-ed on Centre Court. Ballroom dancing would now seem more appropriate.
After his 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 defeat

Bates found that movement of any description was close to impossible. His legs disobeyed ordens to take him from the arena.
"It was very difficult to walk off the court," he said. "I spent a lot of time throughout the whole match thinking about that [final] moment, it kept going over and over in my mind what was going to happen in the end."

Bates leaves behind playing images from the textbook across times when the bodybuilding manual became the game's more relevant tome.
There's a massive difference the way the sport is being played today as opposed to how it was played 10 years ago." he said. The game is faster and the athlete is bigger and stronger.

"I'm giving people 10 or 12 years and they are different type of athletes. It's no fun playing against guys who are bigger than me and stronger than me. I didn't want to get into a situation where I was always out of my depth and I'm very aware that I was getting into that sitvation.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Bates intends to stay in this country and play exhibitions and seniors tournaments, as well as involving himself in national coaching. As a character who captured the nation's attention for the same week or so every year before slipping silently away, he could also apply for Santa's job at Harrods. Colin Beecher was the first Briton to proceed to the second round when he disposed of his compatriot. Nick Gould 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. The 25-year-old from Croydon was one of the first pupils at the Rover LTA School at Bisham Abbey.

While he graduated from that Alma Mater with some dis-Photograph: credit finction it may be more difficult for Beecher to progress any further as he will not have a wild card entry against him next time. Never mind, he could get an invitation to Bates's party.

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